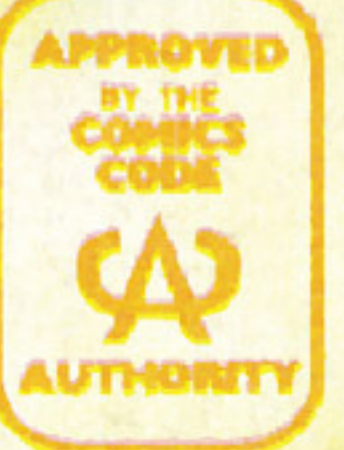


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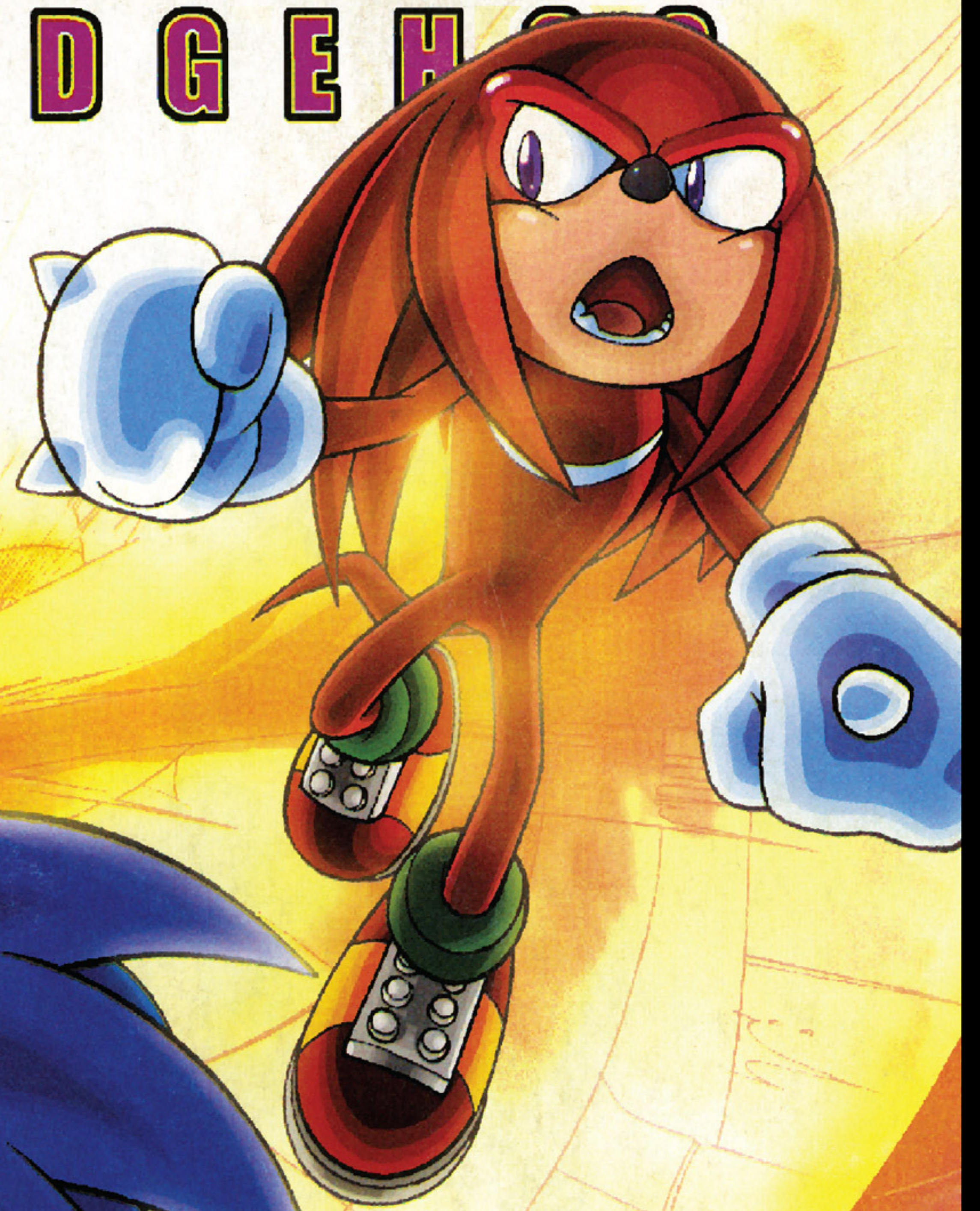
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SONIC™

ALL-NEW
STORY!

THE HEDGEHOG



UNBURYING THE HATCHET

GYA-HA-HA-
HA-HA-HA-HA!
AT LONG LAST!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IS MY CAPTIVE!

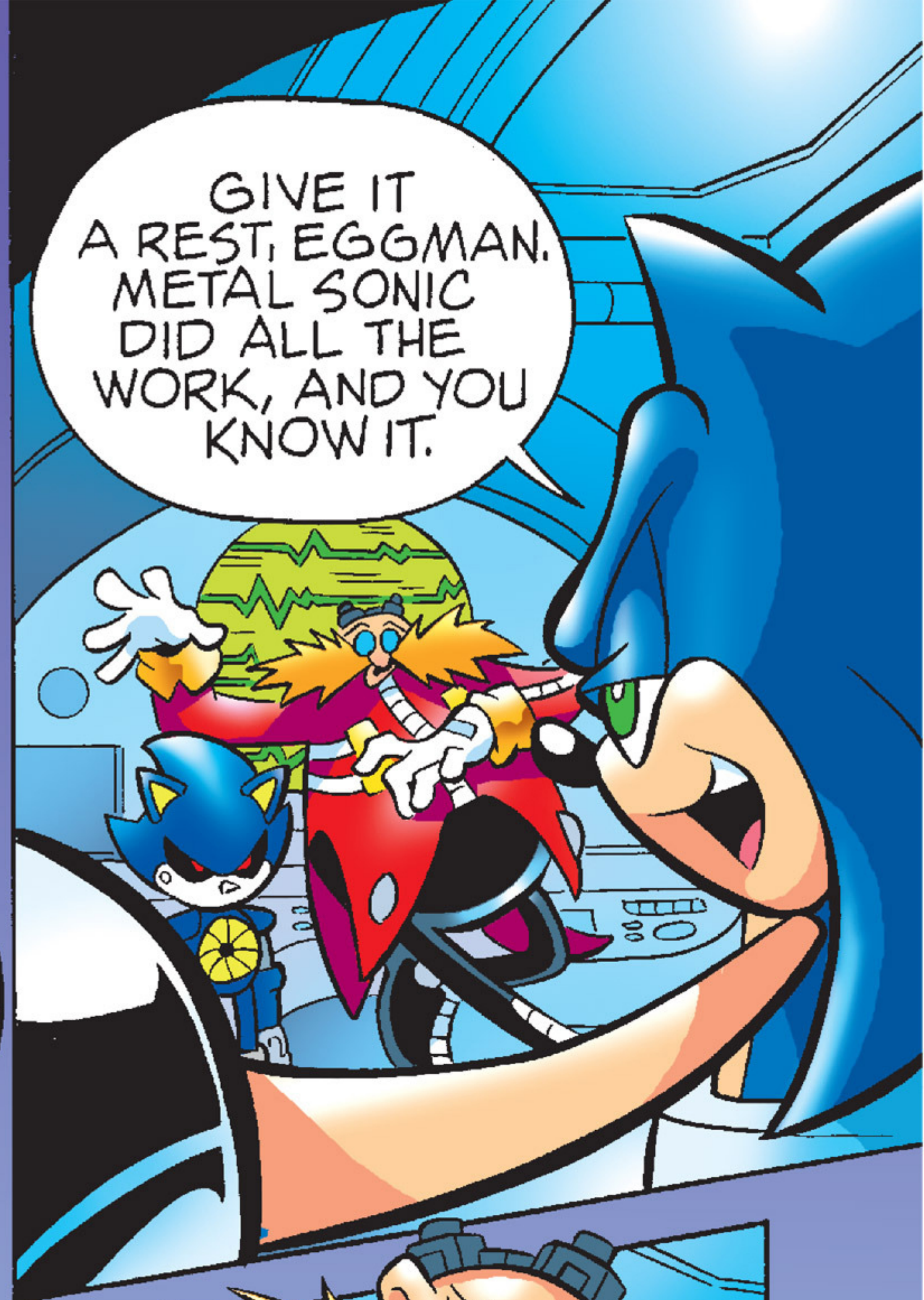
MEH.
YOU'VE
CAUGHT ME
BEFORE. I'LL
BE OUT OF
HERE IN NO
TIME.



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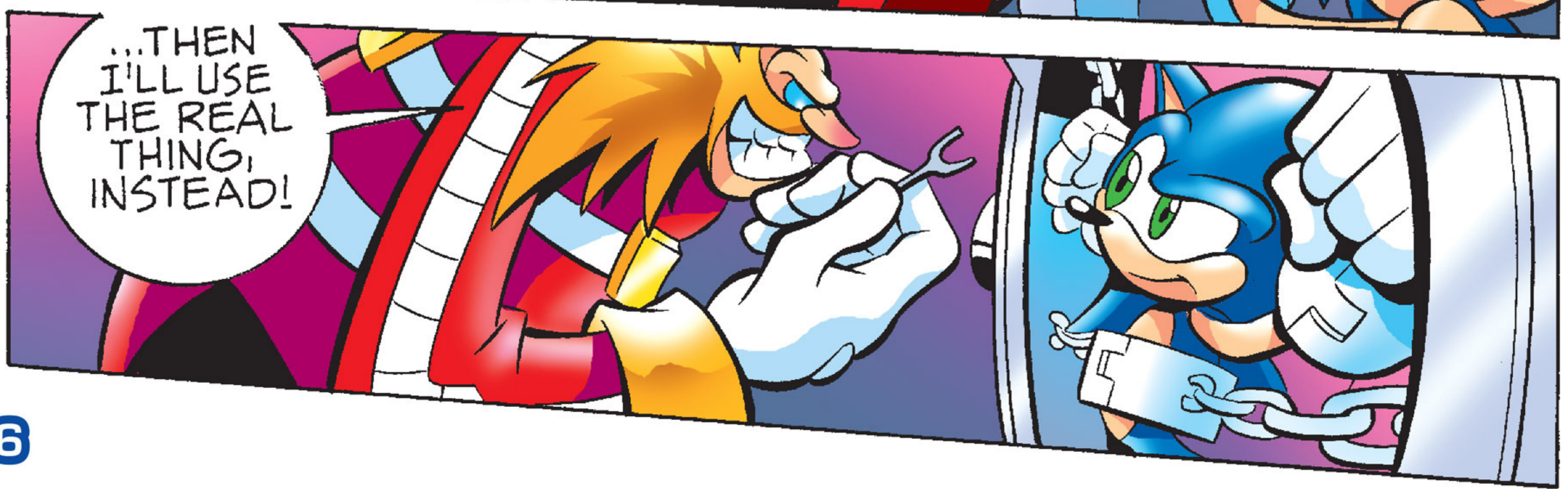
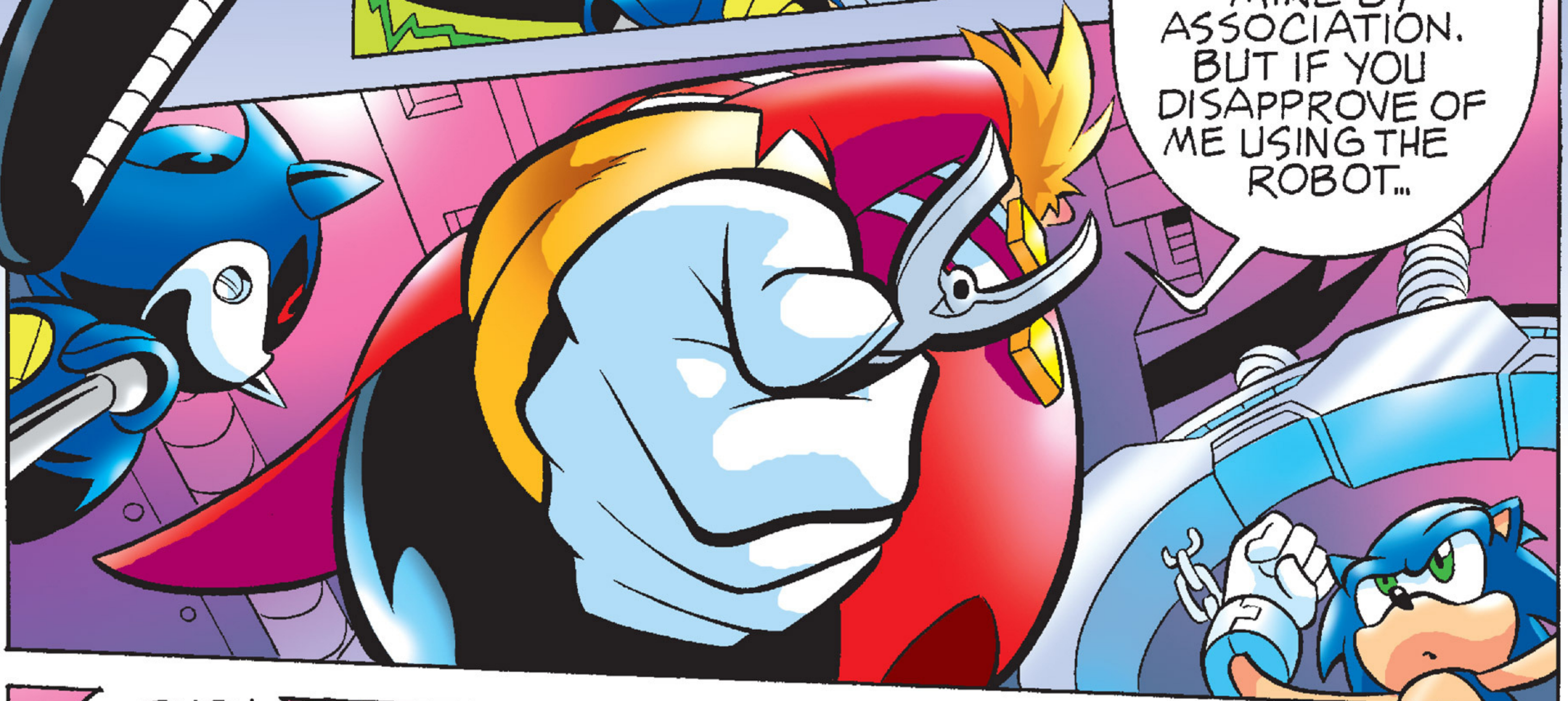
TOO TRUE,
BUT NOT IN THE
WAY YOU THINK. OH,
IT'S SUCH A
WONDERFUL
FEELING TO HAVE
MY HATED
NEMESIS AT
MY MERCY!



GIVE IT
A REST, EGGMAN.
METAL SONIC
DID ALL THE
WORK, AND YOU
KNOW IT.



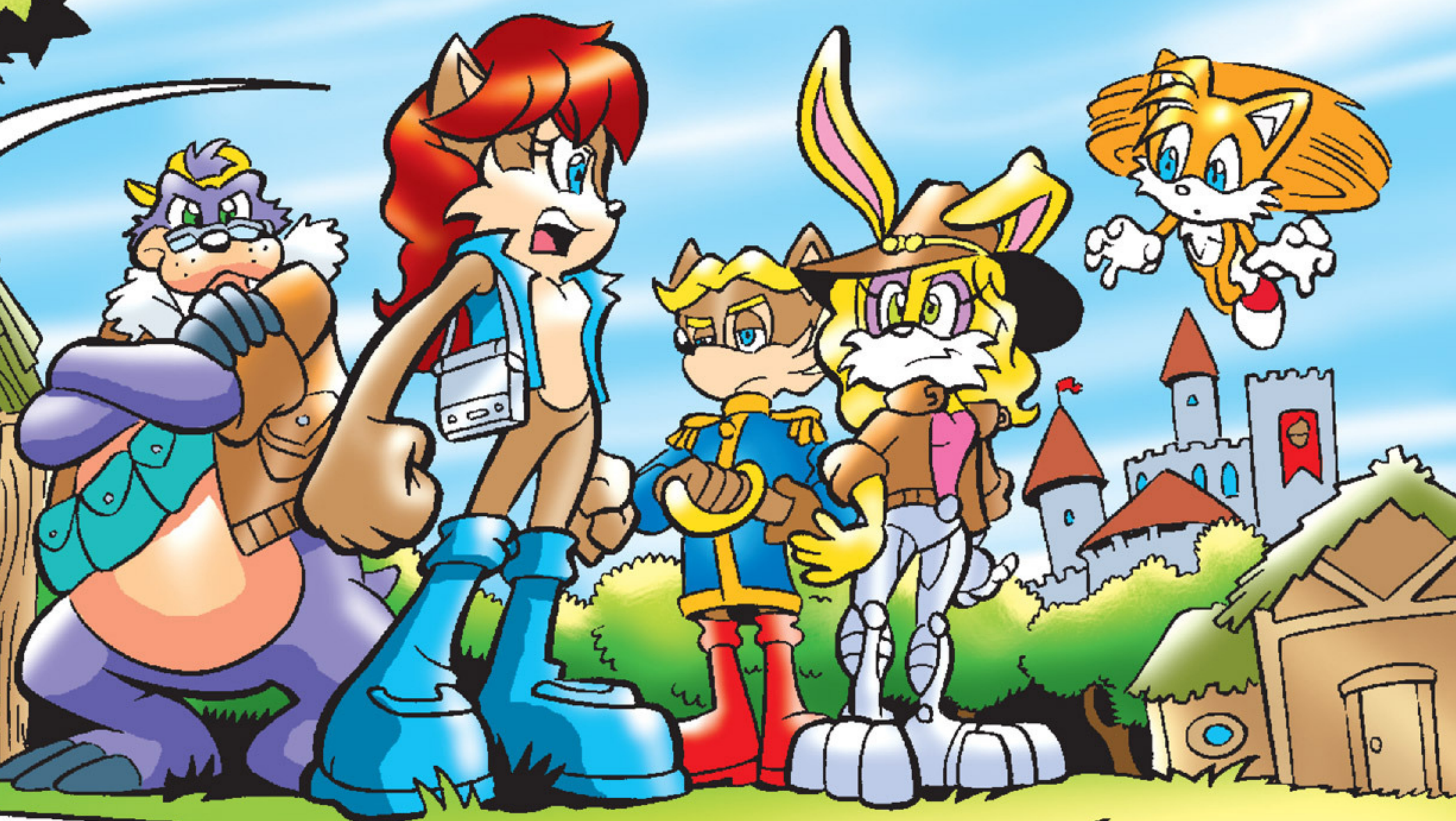
YES, WELL...
I BUILT METAL
SONIC, SO THE
VICTORY IS
MINE BY
ASSOCIATION.
BUT IF YOU
DISAPPROVE OF
ME USING THE
ROBOT...



...THEN
I'LL USE
THE REAL
THING,
INSTEAD!

KNOTHOLE.

IT HASN'T BEEN LONG SINCE METAL SONIC DRAGGED SONIC TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS. WE STILL HAVE TIME TO MOUNT A RESCUE MISSION.

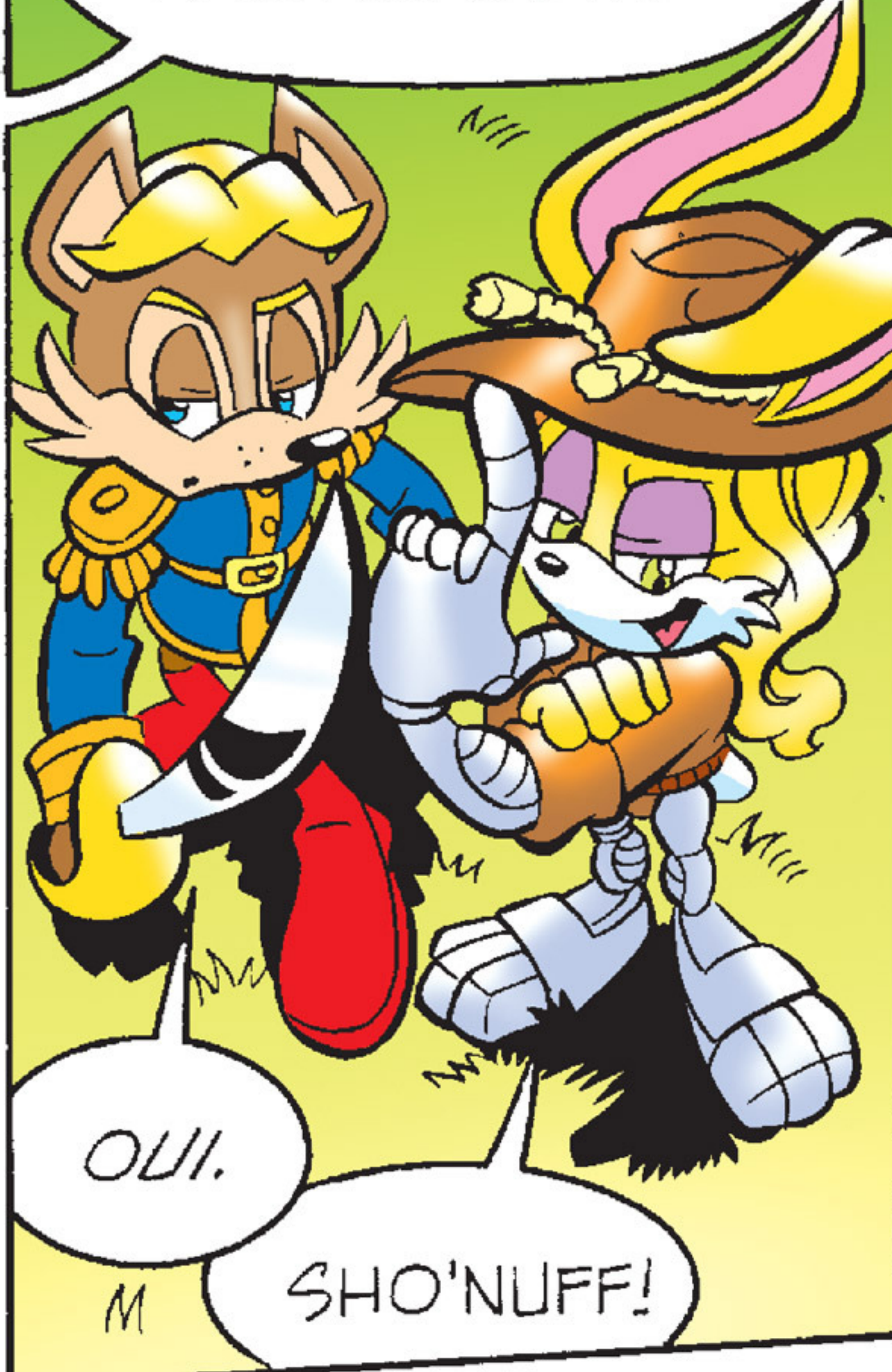


ROTOR, YOU TAKE NICOLE AND MONITOR US DURING THE MISSION.

WILL-DO, PRINCESS!



ANTOINE D'COOLETTE AND BUNNIE RABBOT! YOU'LL BE PROVIDING OFFENSIVE SUPPORT. THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT?



OUI.

SHO'NUFF!



WHAT ABOUT ME, SALLY?

I'M COMING, TOO, RIGHT?

YOU SURE ARE, TAILS. YOU AND I WILL BREAK INTO EGGMAN'S LAB AND GET SONIC OUT!

I APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT, GANG, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY!



SUGAH-HOG!
YOU MADE IT
OUT OKAY!

NOT
QUITE!

POW!

OOF!

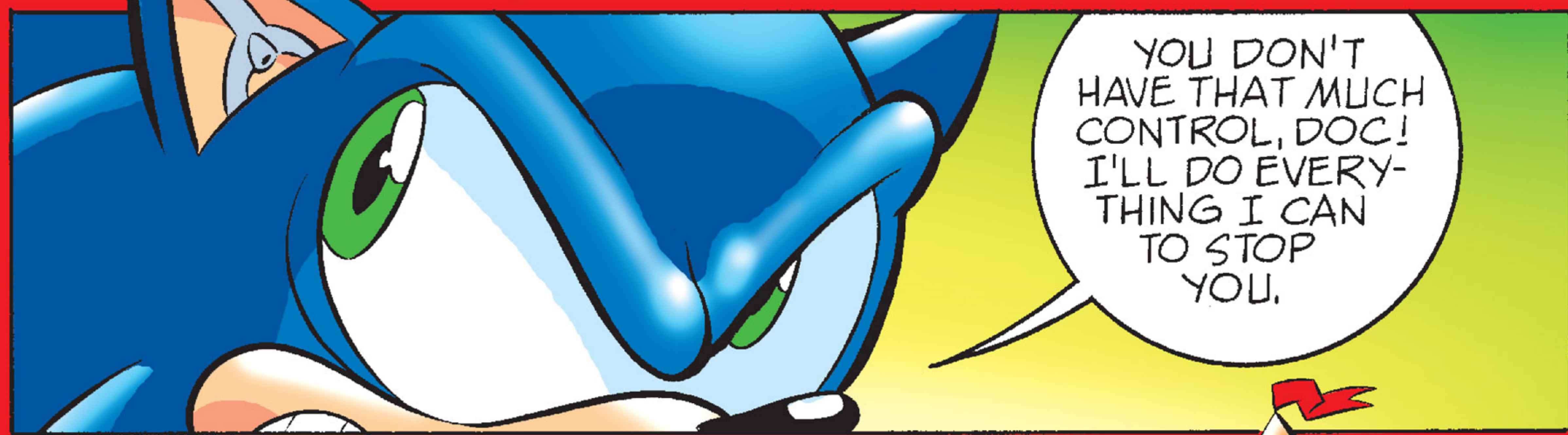
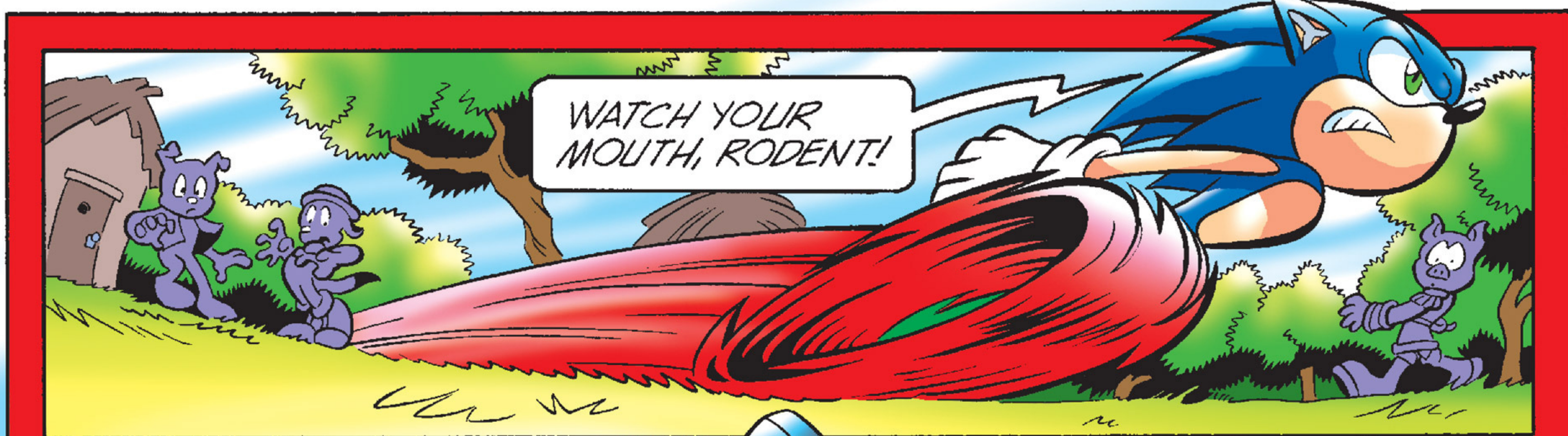
POW!

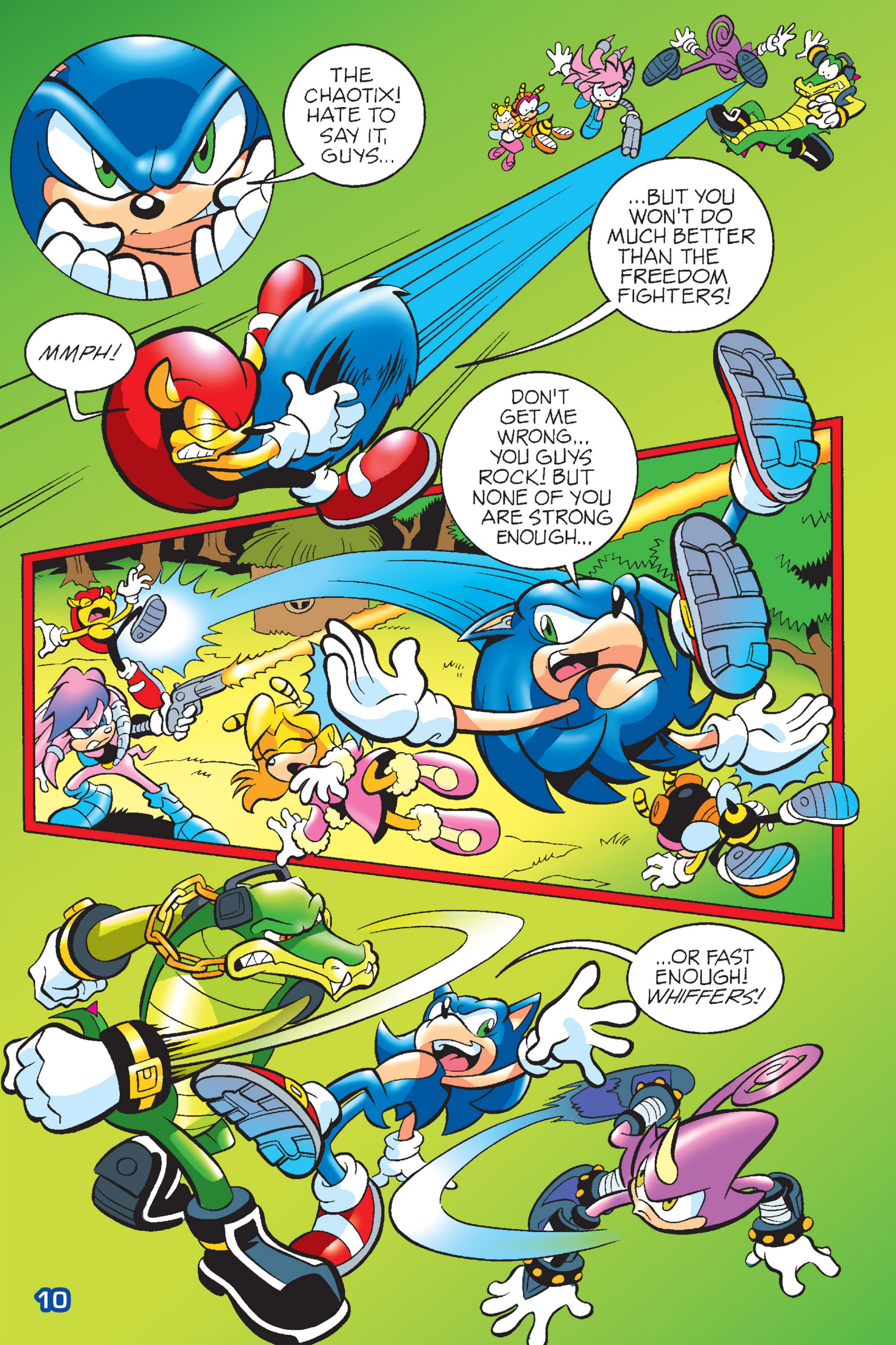
POW!

POW!

SORRY
ABOUT THAT,
SAL. MY
NEXT TARGET IS
THE KING!

THEN
WE'LL NEED
THE ONE GUY
WHO'S BEEN
ABLE TO TAKE
YOU DOWN...





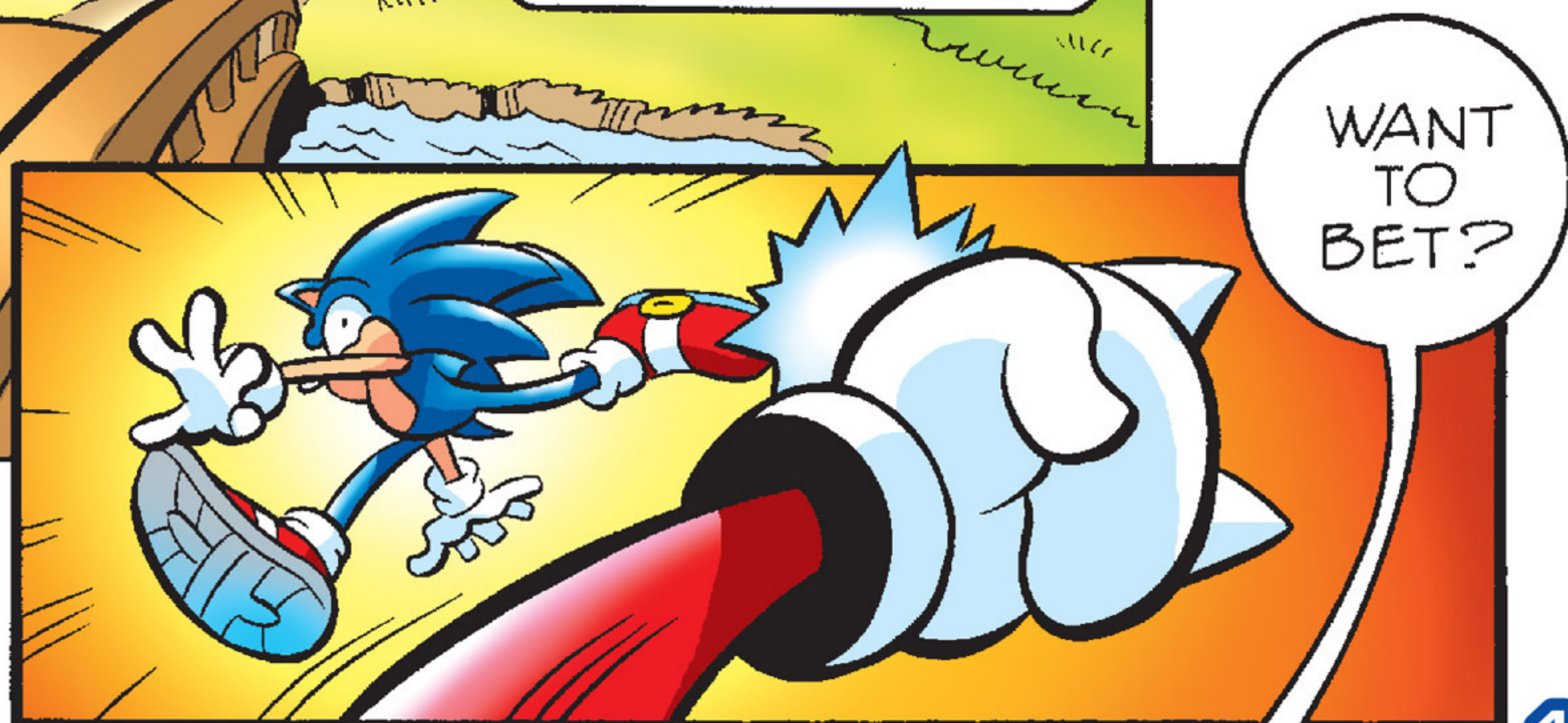
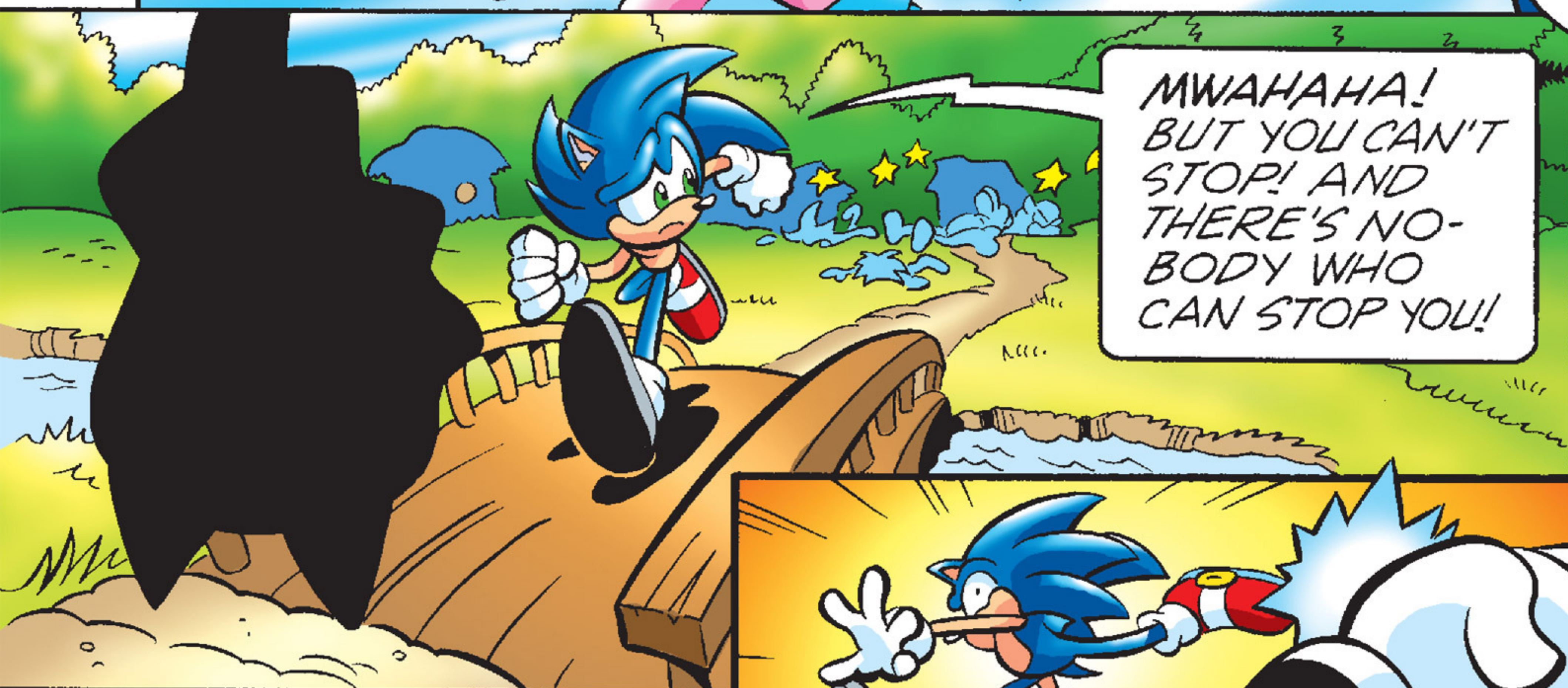
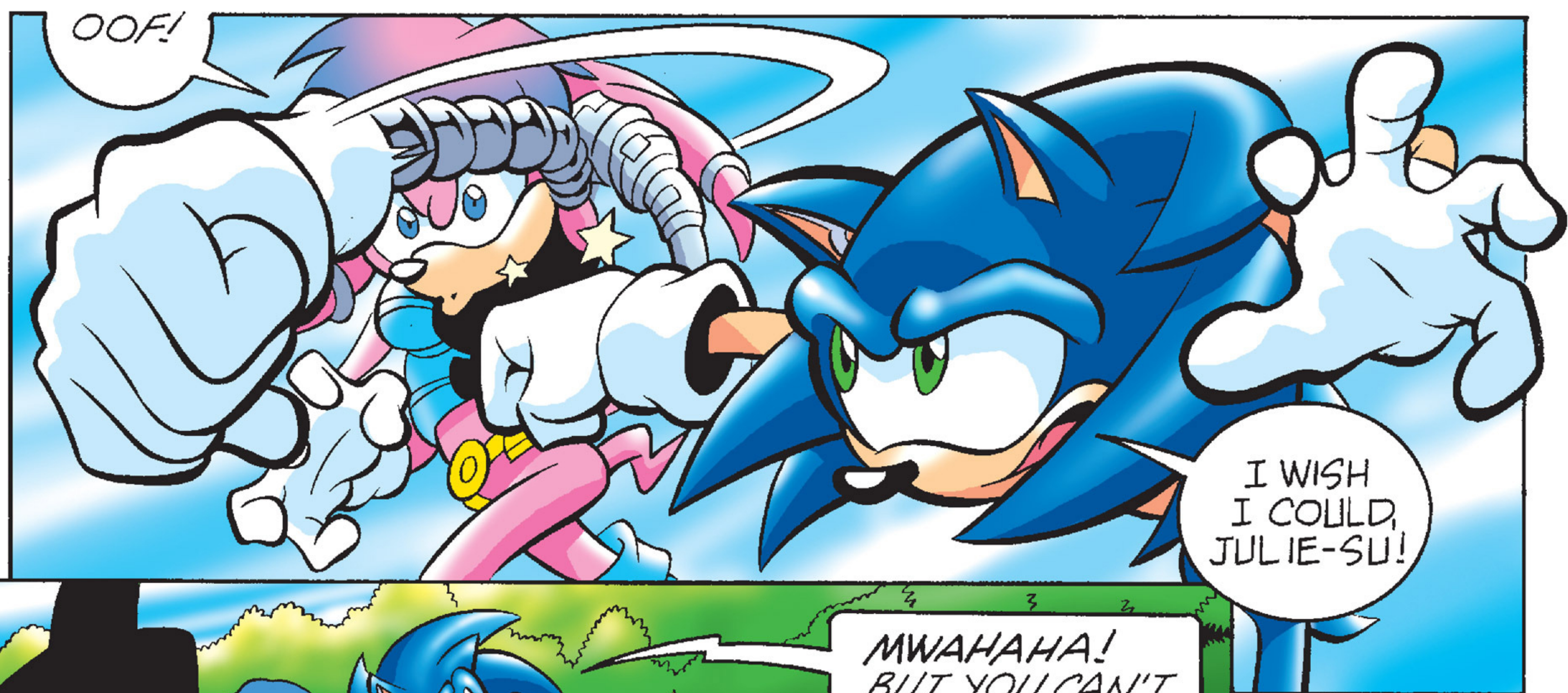
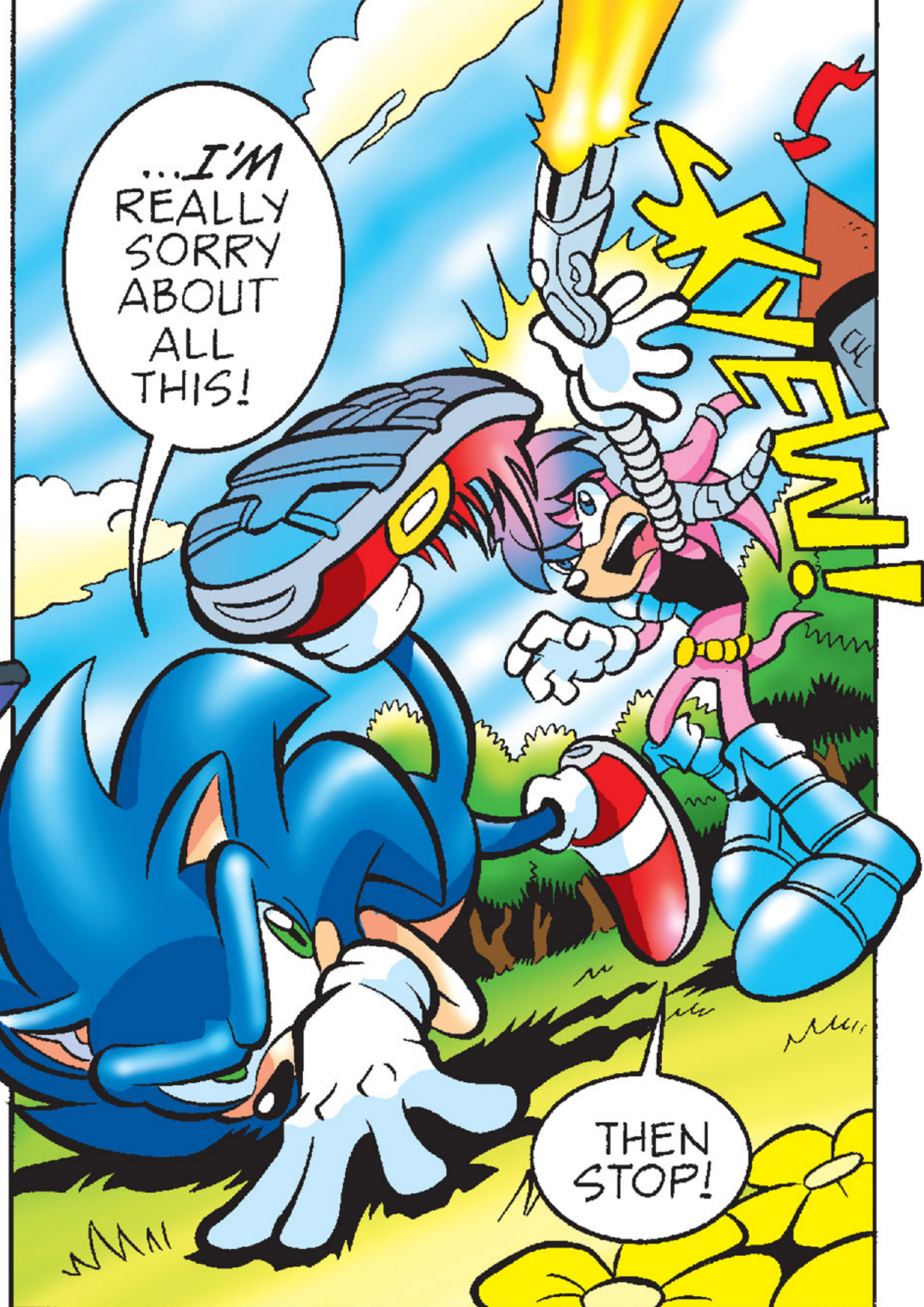
THE
CHAOTIX!
HATE TO
SAY IT,
GUYS...

...BUT YOU
WON'T DO
MUCH BETTER
THAN THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS!

MMPH!

DON'T
GET ME
WRONG...
YOU GUYS
ROCK! BUT
NONE OF YOU
ARE STRONG
ENOUGH...

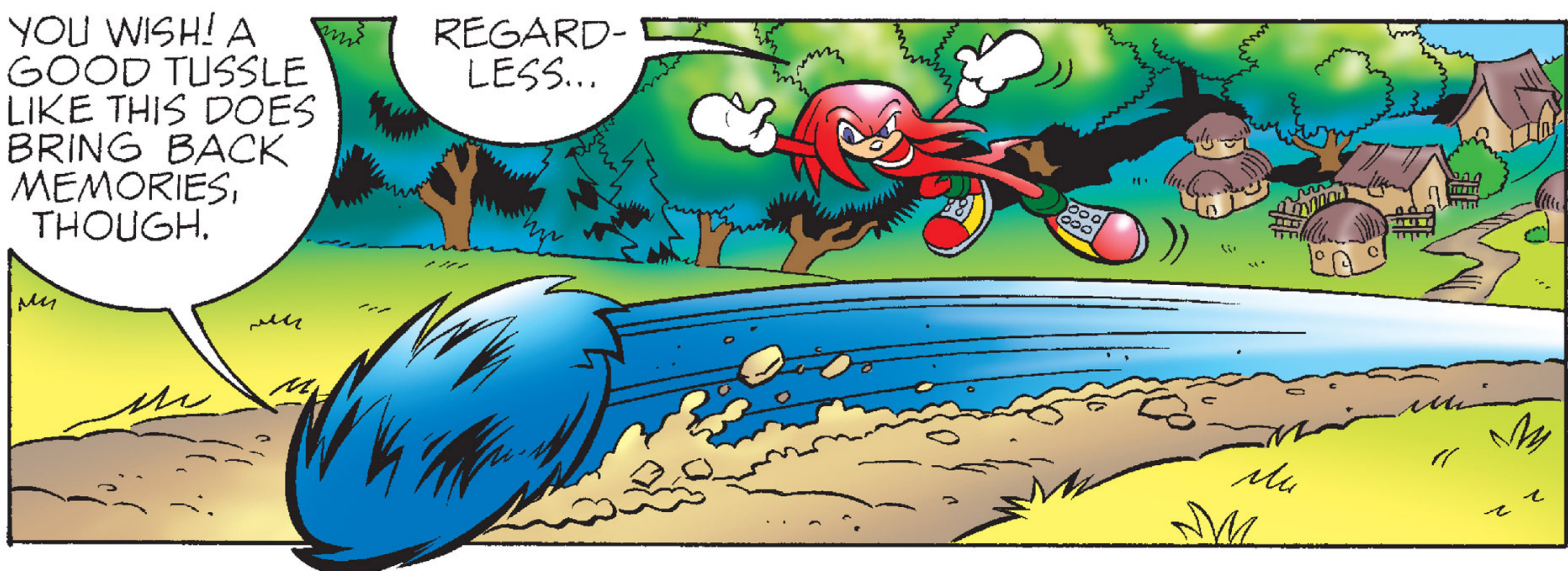
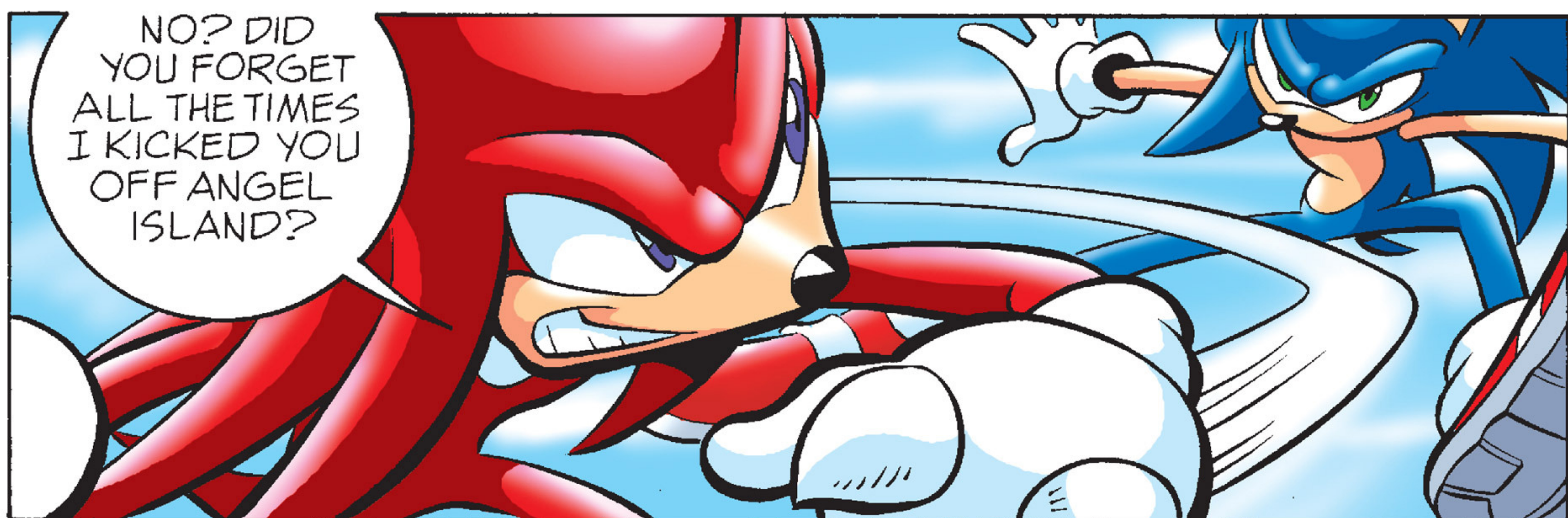
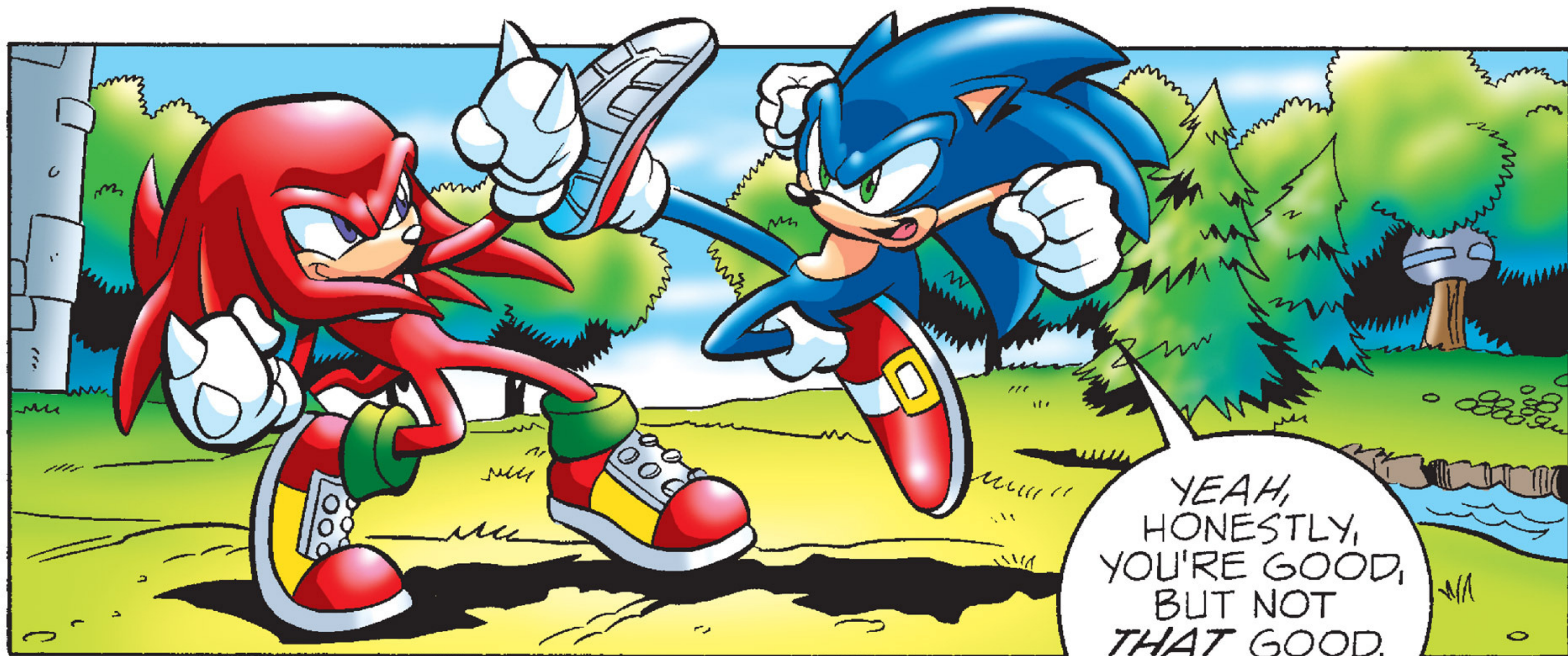
...OR FAST
ENOUGH!
WHIFFERS!

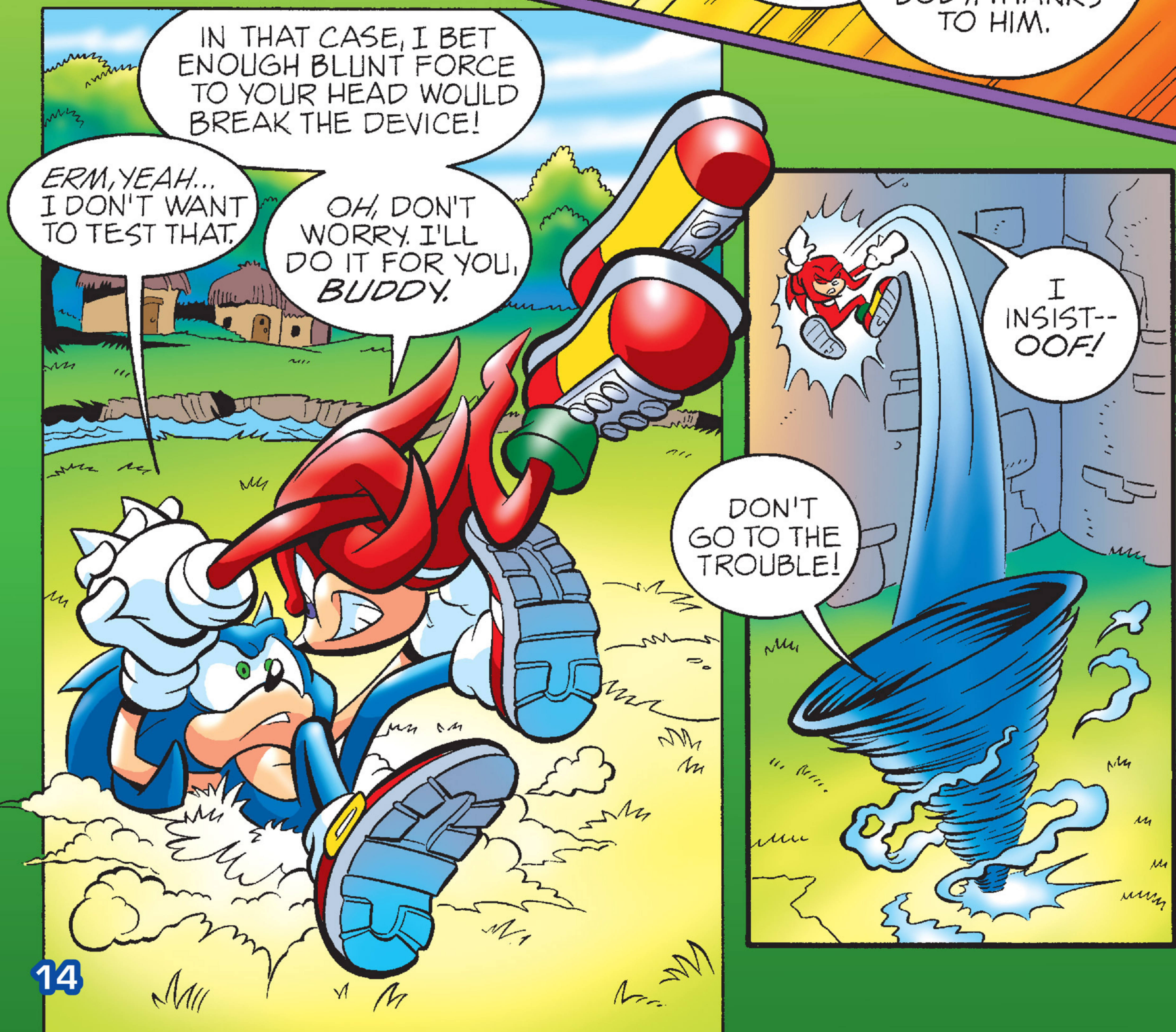
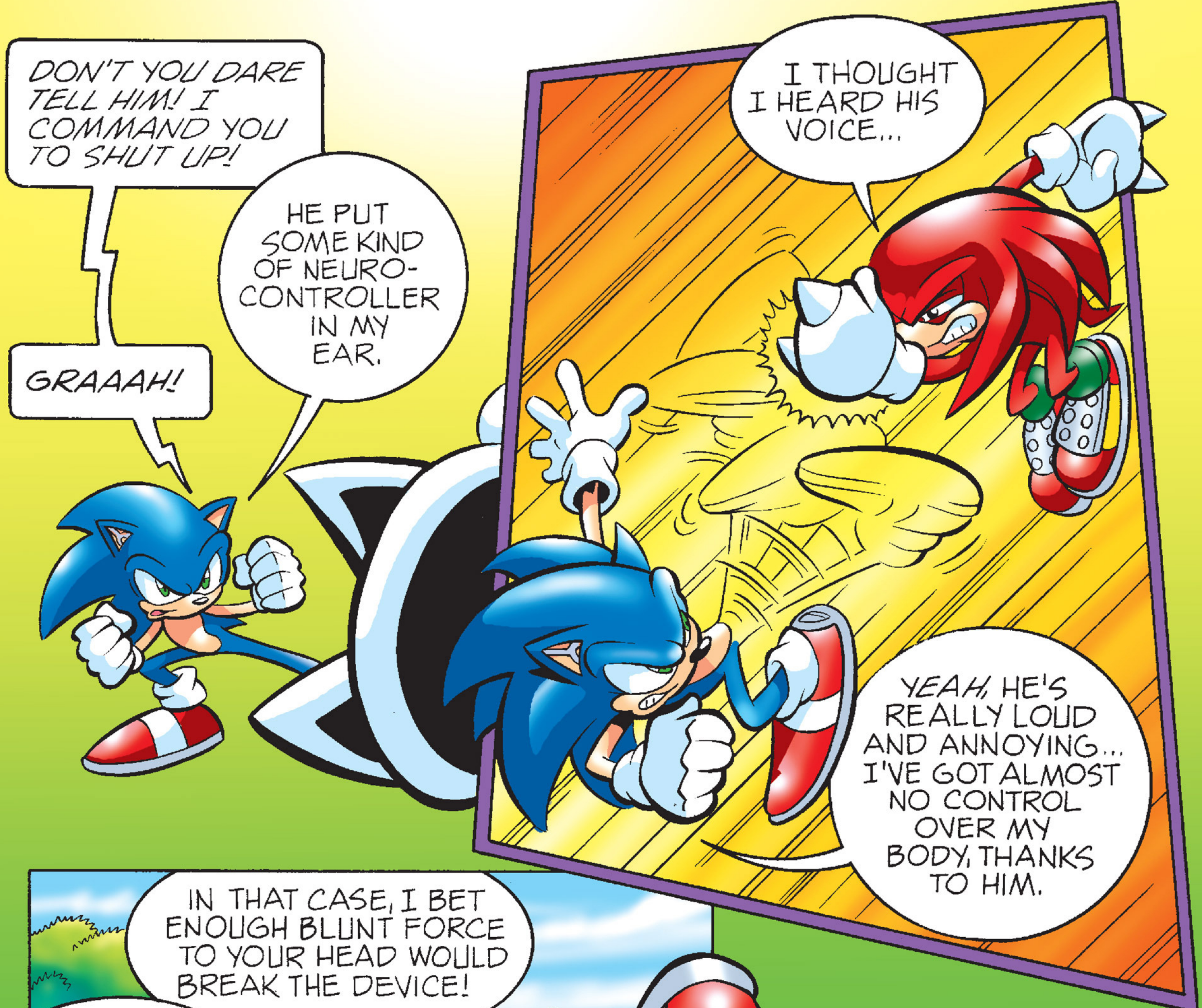




KNUCKLES!
SO YOU'RE THE
"ONLY ONE"
WHO CAN STOP
ME, HUH!?

YOU
WERE
EXPECTING
MAYBE
SHADOW
?



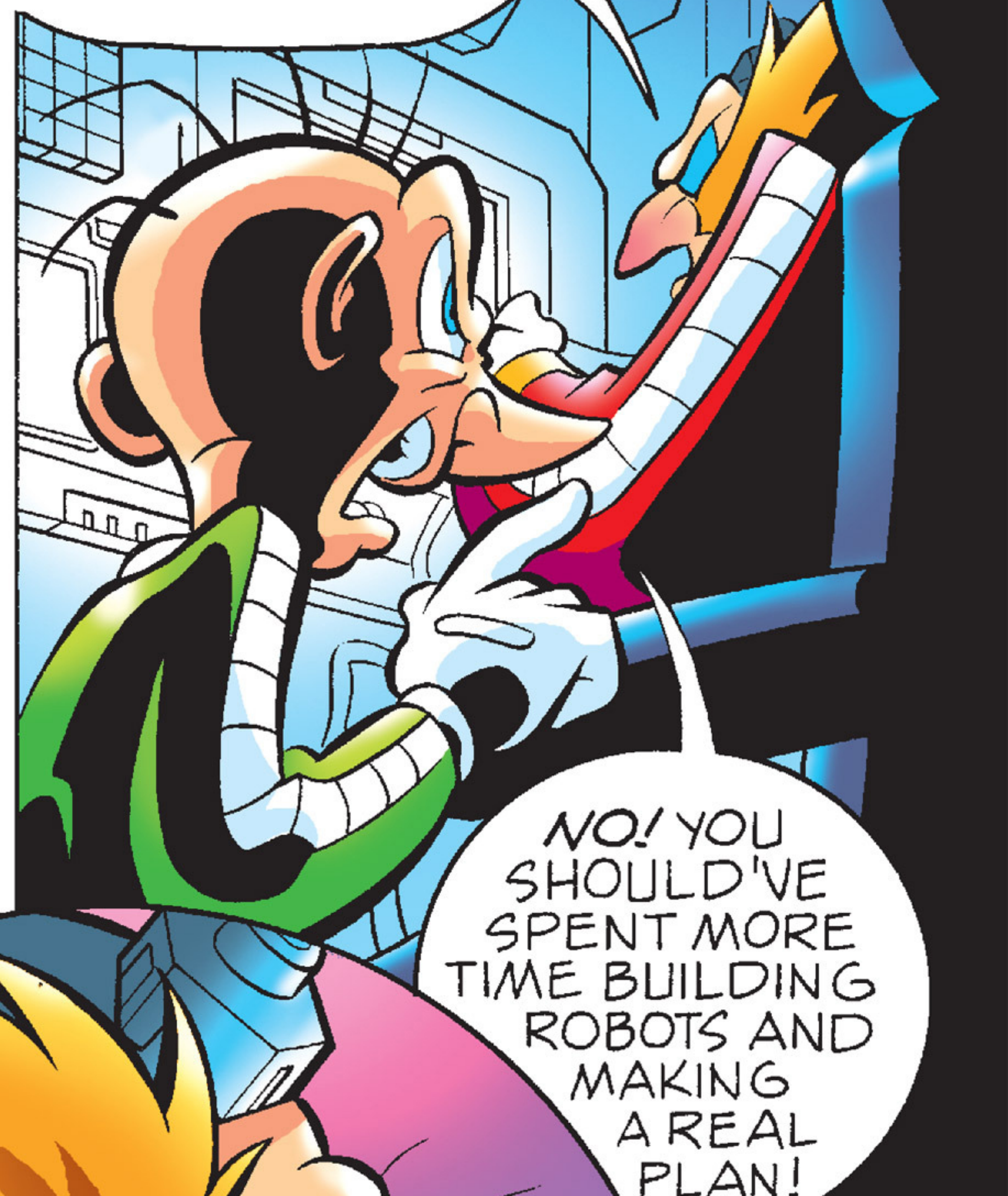




BAH!
THIS ISN'T
GOING WELL
AT ALL!

WHAT A
SURPRISE!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
THE CONTROLS ARE
HORRENDOUS! I
SHOULD'VE SPENT
MORE TIME IN
DEVELOPMENT.



NO! YOU
SHOULD'VE
SPENT MORE
TIME BUILDING
ROBOTS AND
MAKING
A REAL
PLAN!



MAKING SONIC
MY PUPPET AND
TURNING HIM
AGAINST HIS DEAREST
FRIENDS *IS* A
REAL PLAN!

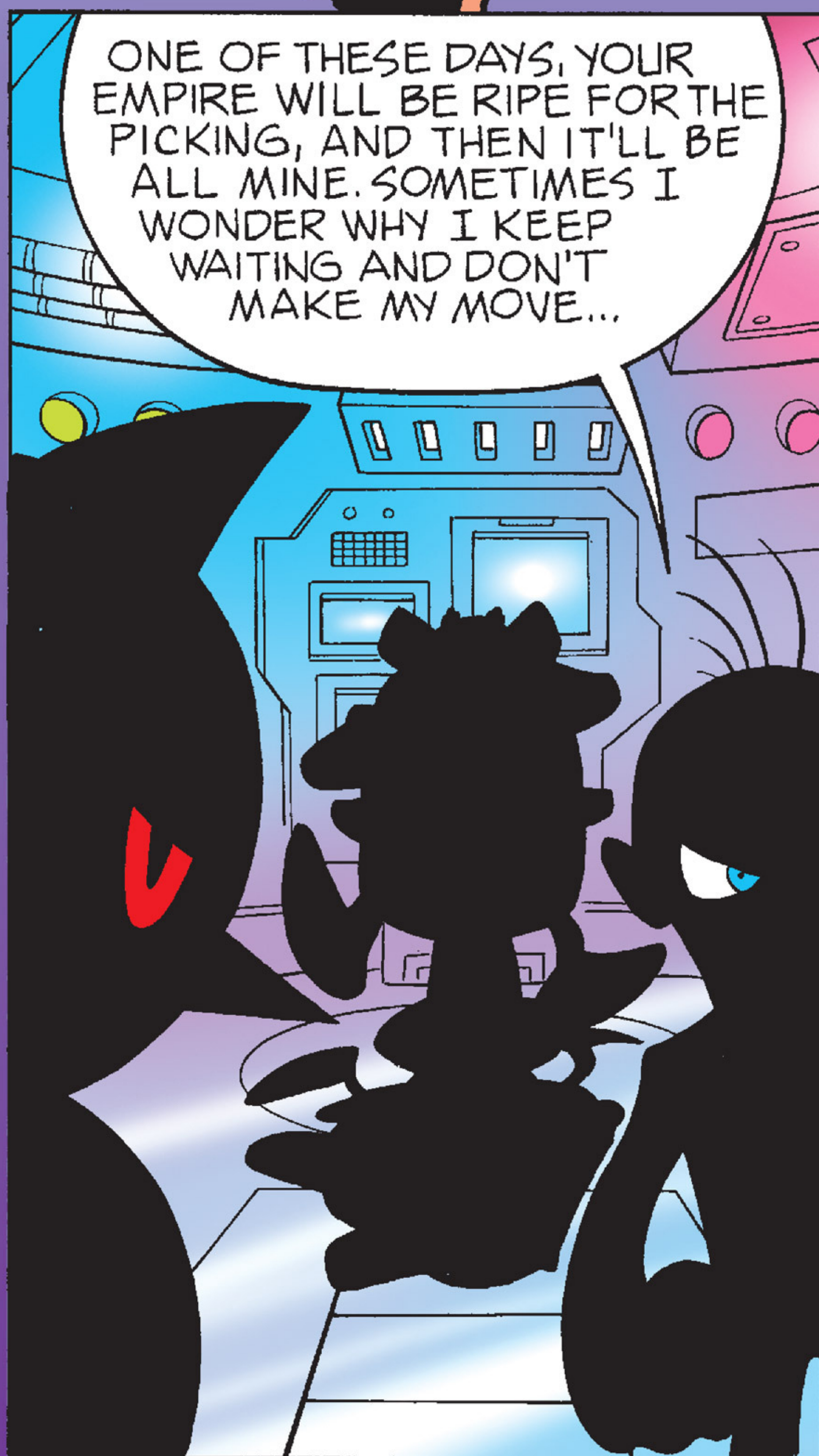
SENDING A ROBOT
DUPLICATE TO
CATCH HIM SO YOU
CAN PLAY GAMES
IS A *STUPID* PLAN!

YOU KEEP ON AND ON
ABOUT THE SUPERIORITY
OF YOUR OWN MACHINES
OVER LIVING THINGS, AND
HERE YOU ARE WASTING
YOUR TIME ON ANOTHER
FUZZY TALKING THING!

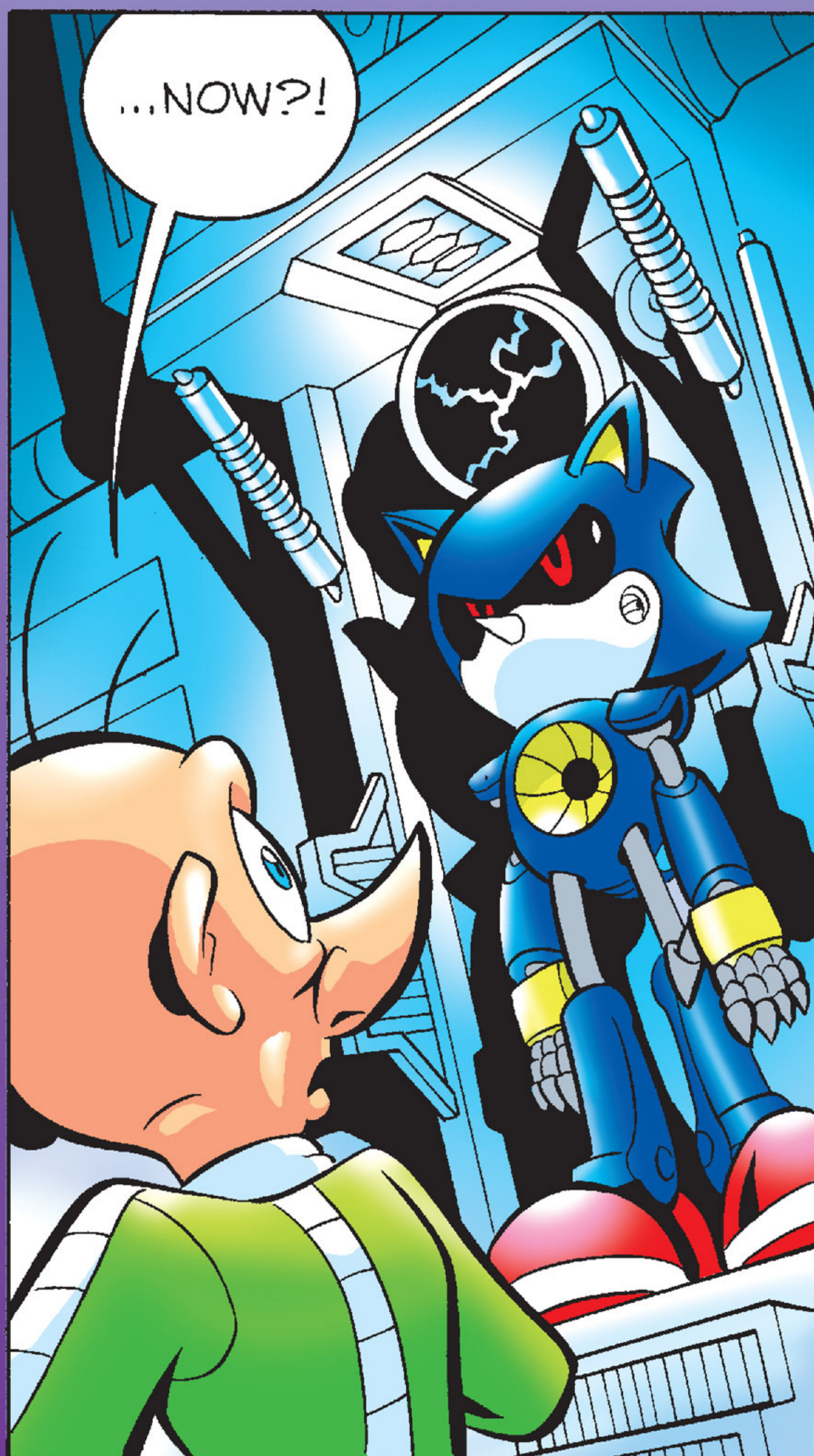
GIVE IT A REST,
SNIVELY. YOU
MADE ME MISS
MY JUMP!



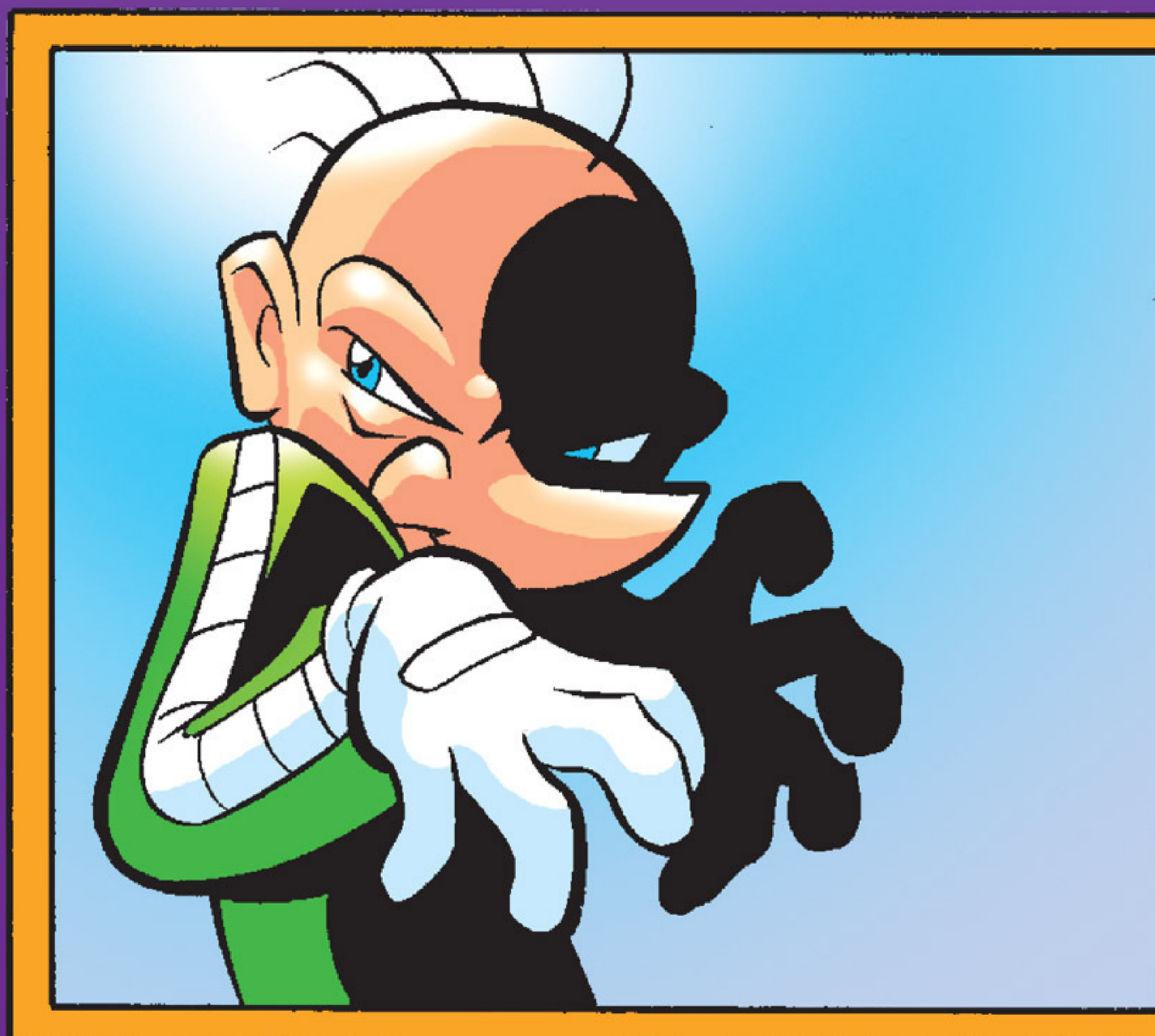
ONE MORE CONVOLUTED
PLAN READY TO BLOW UP
IN YOUR FACE, EH, UNCLE?
AND WHO WILL BE BLAMED
WHEN IT DOES, EH?
ME, THAT'S WHO.



ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOUR
EMPIRE WILL BE RIPE FOR THE
PICKING, AND THEN IT'LL BE
ALL MINE. SOMETIMES I
WONDER WHY I KEEP
WAITING AND DON'T
MAKE MY MOVE...



...NOW?!



YES...
WHY WAIT
AT ALL?



JUST TO
UPDATE YOU,
THE EGG FLEET'S
PREPARATION
IS RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE.

I'LL MAKE SURE TO
GET IT READY RIGHT
ON TIME. I'M SO
DEVOTED TO THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE,
AFTER ALL.

I KNOW
YOU ARE,
SNIVELY. EVEN
WITH ALL YOUR
PAST TREACHERY,
I KNOW YOU
ARE LOYAL.

THAT'S WHY
EVERYTHING IN
NEW MEGAOPOLIS
IS PROGRAMMED
TO WATCH YOU.
ALL OF MY ROBOTS
WILL *HELP* YOU TO
REMEMBER YOUR
LOYALTY.



JUST LIKE
DEAR METAL SONIC
WAS PROTECTING
YOU FROM YOURSELF
AND THAT LITTLE BIT
OF OVER-WRITING
PROGRAMMING
YOU'VE BEEN
WORKING ON.

Y-Y-YOU
KNEW?

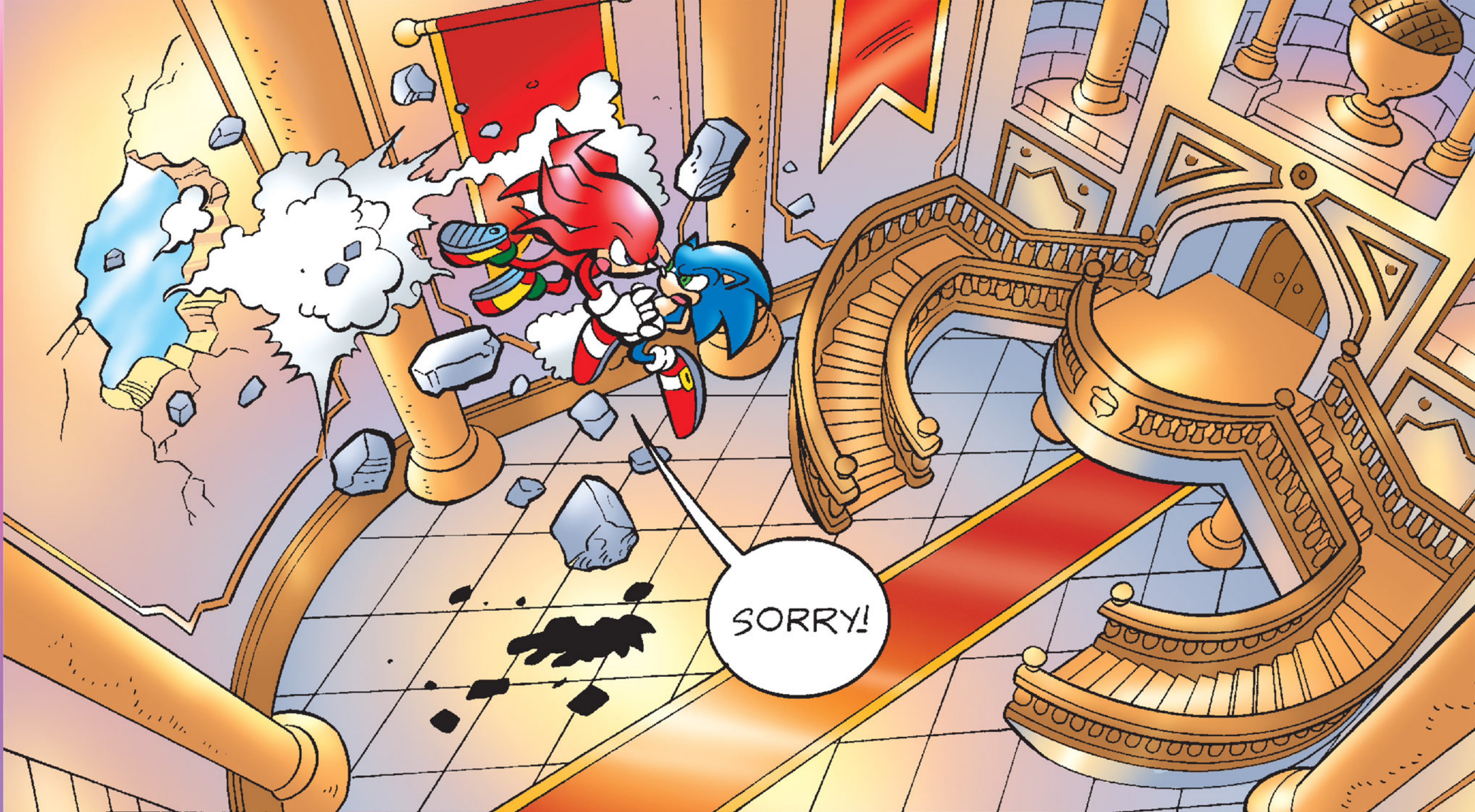
YES,
I'VE KNOWN
ABOUT IT.
ABOUT ALL
OF IT.

WHILE I'M OUT,
WHY DON'T YOU BE
A GOOD AND LOYAL
NEPHEW AND PULL THE
PLUG ON ALL YOUR
MISGUIDED, TREASONOUS
PROJECTS?

Y-YES,
SIR...
OUT?

I'VE SET SONIC
TO AUTO-BRAWL.
THE SITUATION
LOOKS LIKE IT'LL
NEED MY PERSONAL
TOUCH AFTER ALL.
I'LL BE BACK SOON.

Y-YES, SIR.
OF COURSE,
SIR.



SORRY!

HOLD STILL
AND LET ME
KNOCK SOME
SENSE INTO
YOU!

NO!

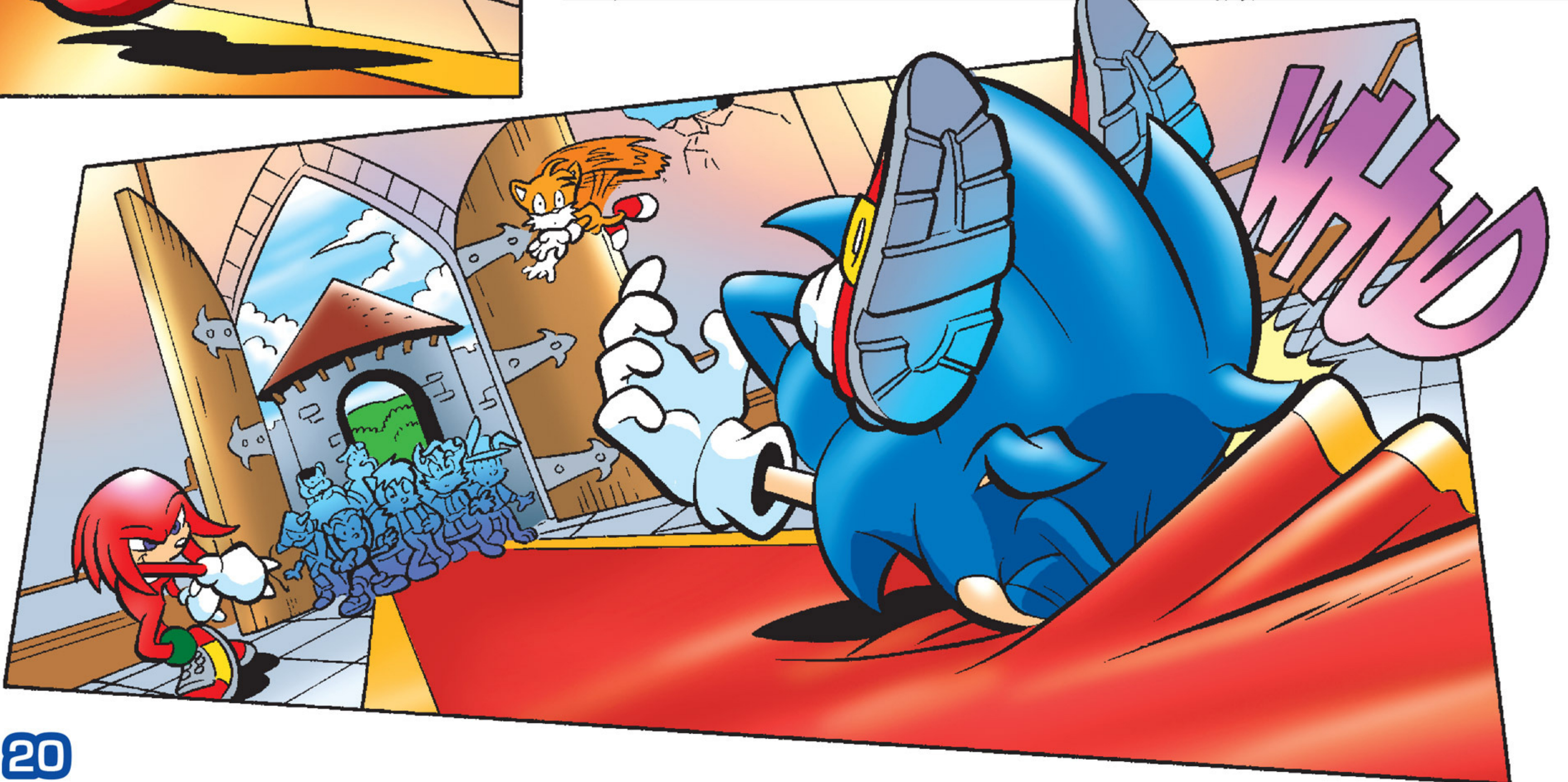
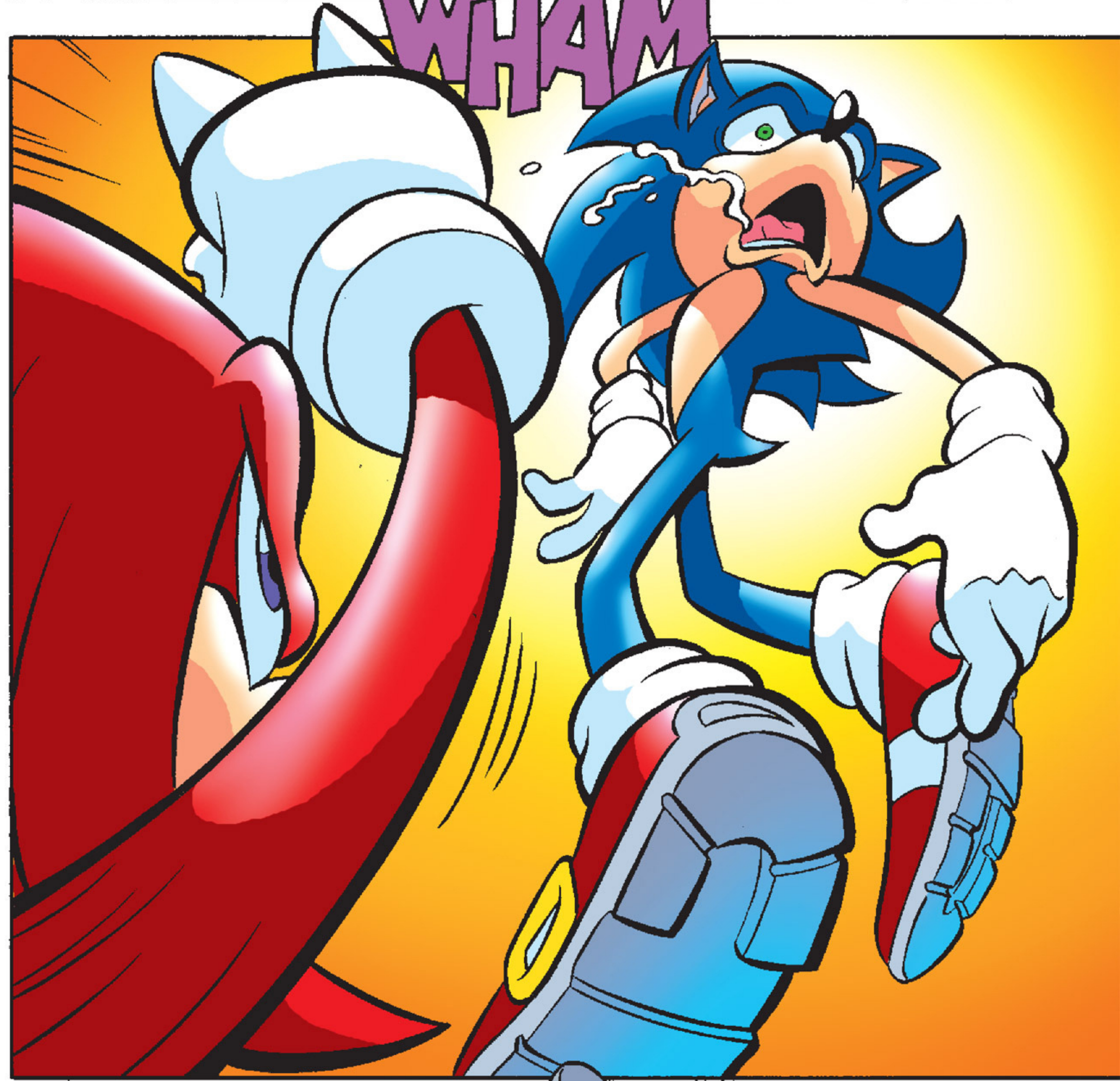
STOP ME SO ROTOR
CAN FISH THE THING
OUT OF MY EAR! GET
TAILS TO BUILD SOME
KIND OF JAMMING
SYSTEM! ANYTHING
BUT YOUR PLAN!

GRR...DON'T
BE SUCH A BABY!
IT'LL ONLY HURT
FOR A SECOND!

AND
WHAT IF IT
DOESN'T
WORK AFTER
ONE HIT?

THEN
WE'LL TRY
IT SOME
MORE!

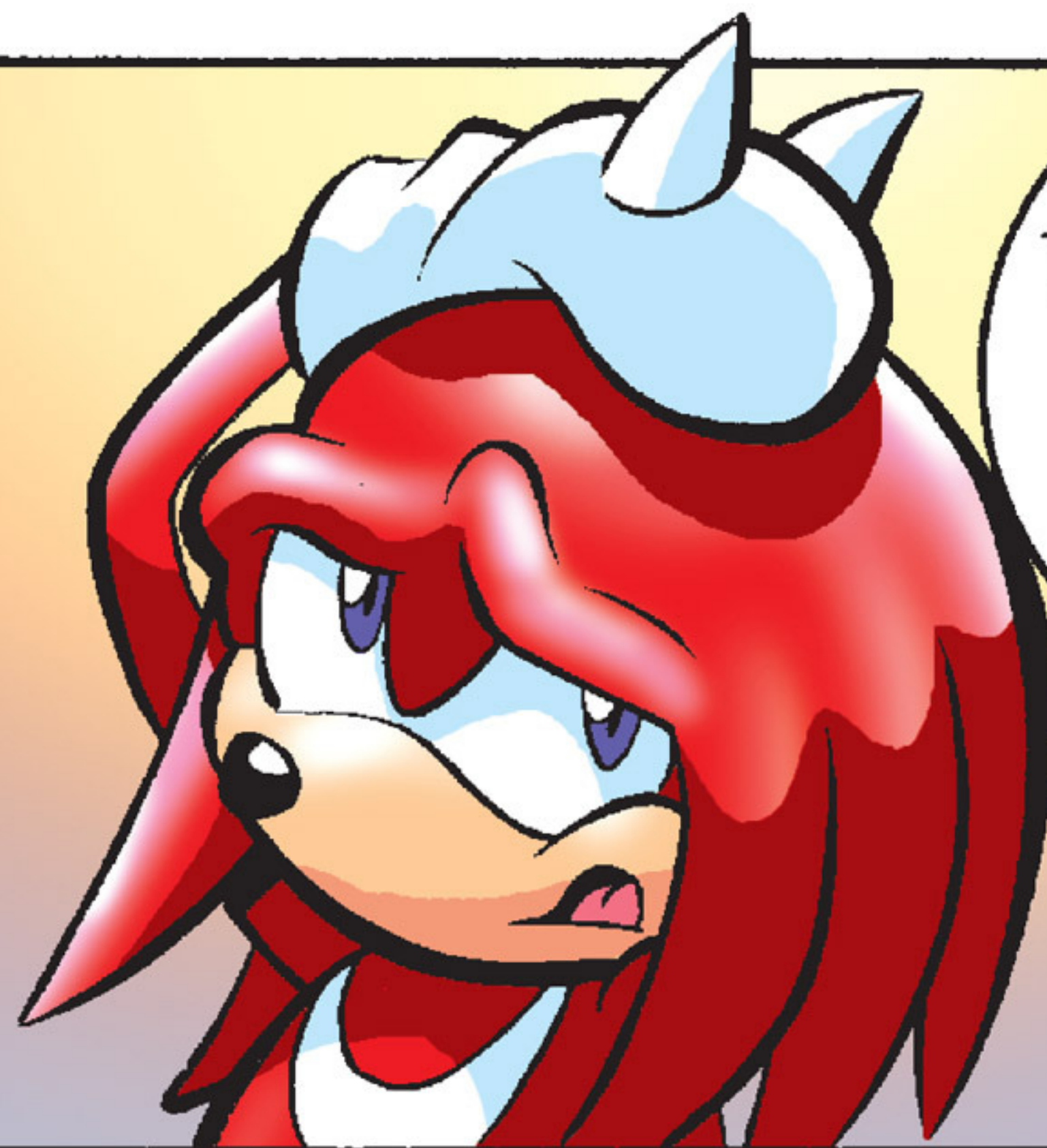
YEAH,
SEE?
NO!



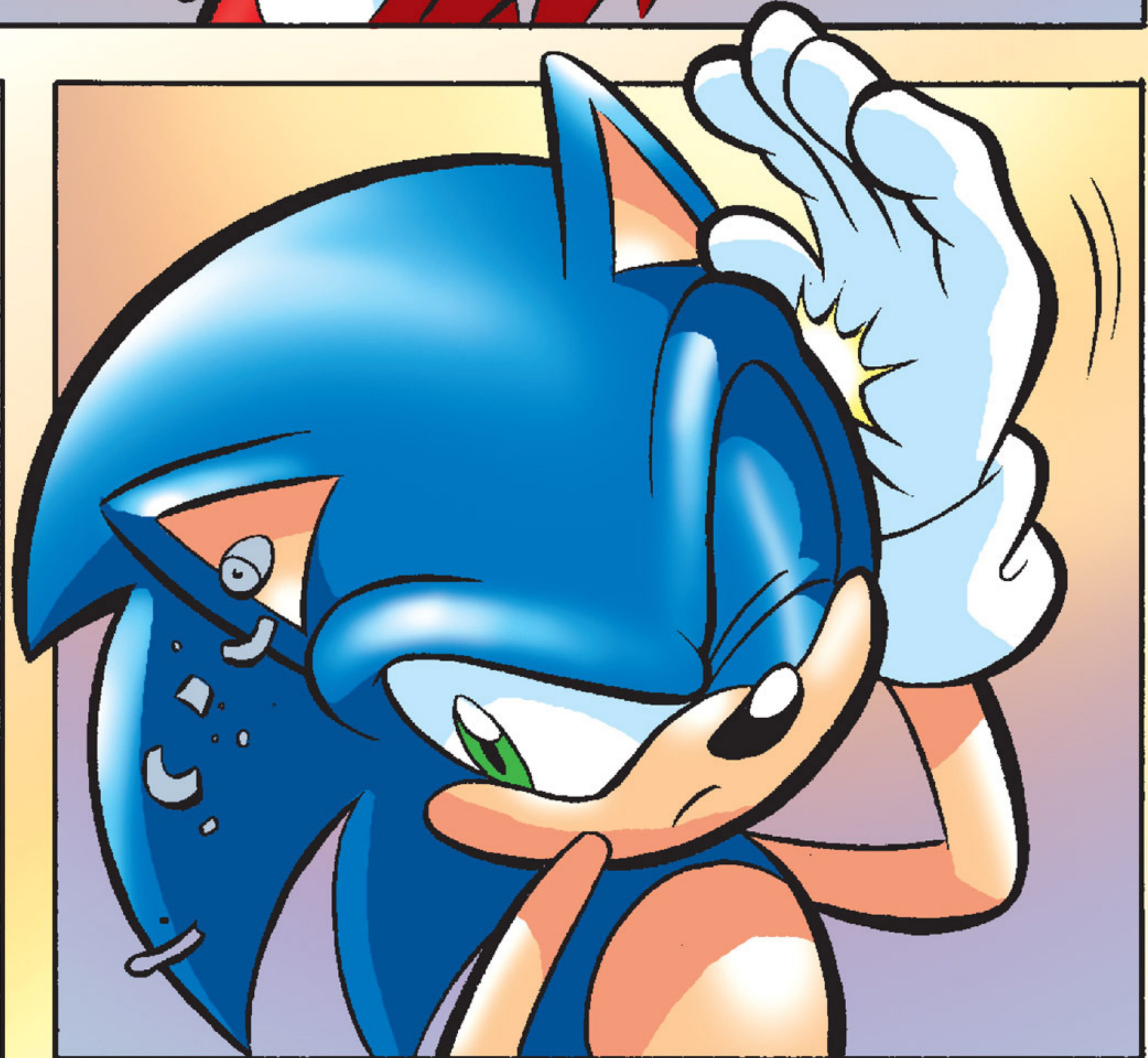
KNUCKLES! YOU
NEARLY TOOK
HIS HEAD
OFF!



BUT...THE
THING IN HIS
HEAD...I'M
SURE IT
BROKE
...?



...OOGAH...



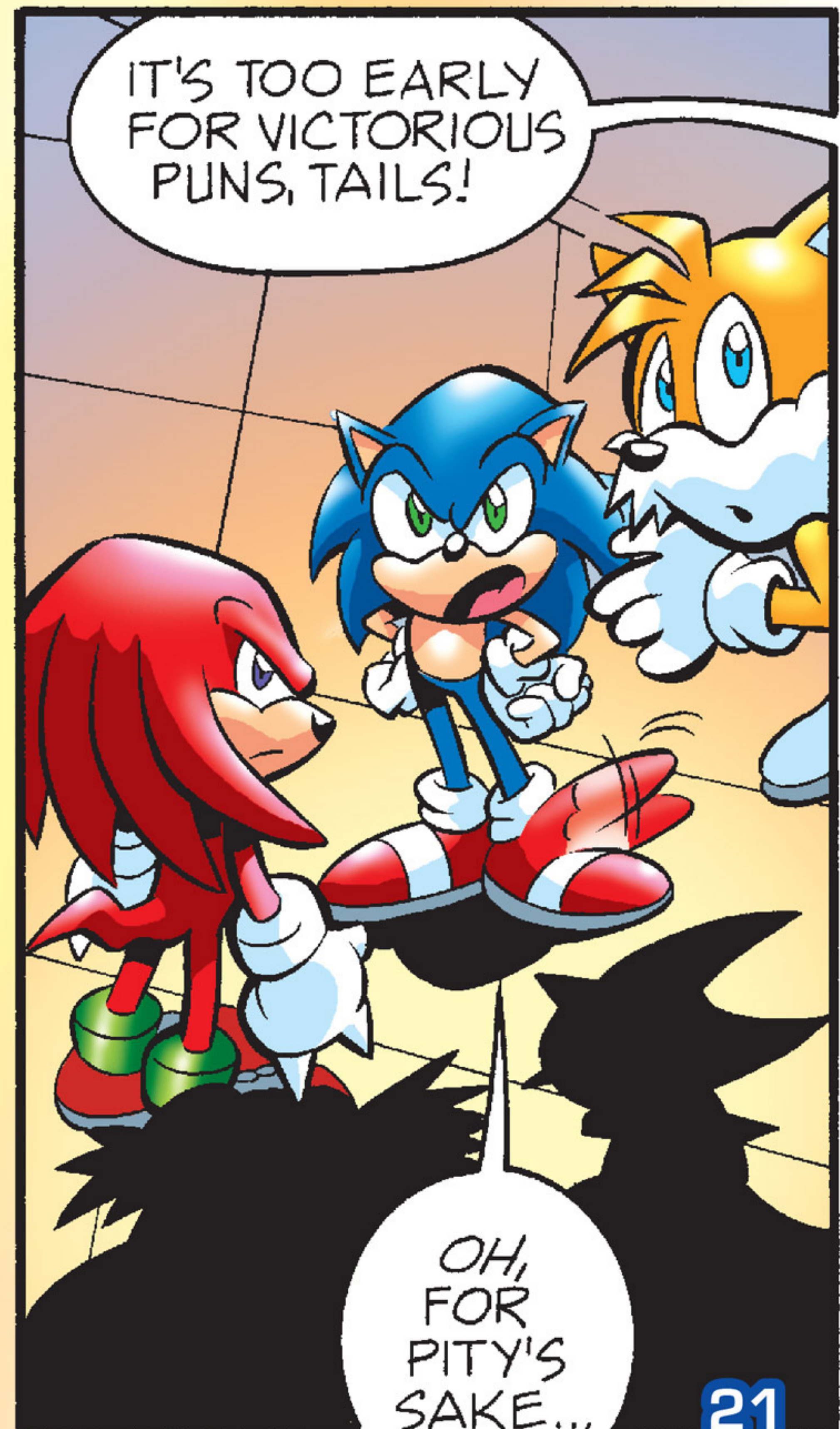
LOOKS
LIKE
YOUR
BRILLIANT
IDEA
WORKED,
KNUX.
THANKS.

HAHAHA!
OF COURSE
IT DID! JUST
LIKE I
PLANNED!

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WEREN'T JUST
PLAYING IT
BY EAR?



IT'S TOO EARLY
FOR VICTORIOUS
PUNS, TAILS!



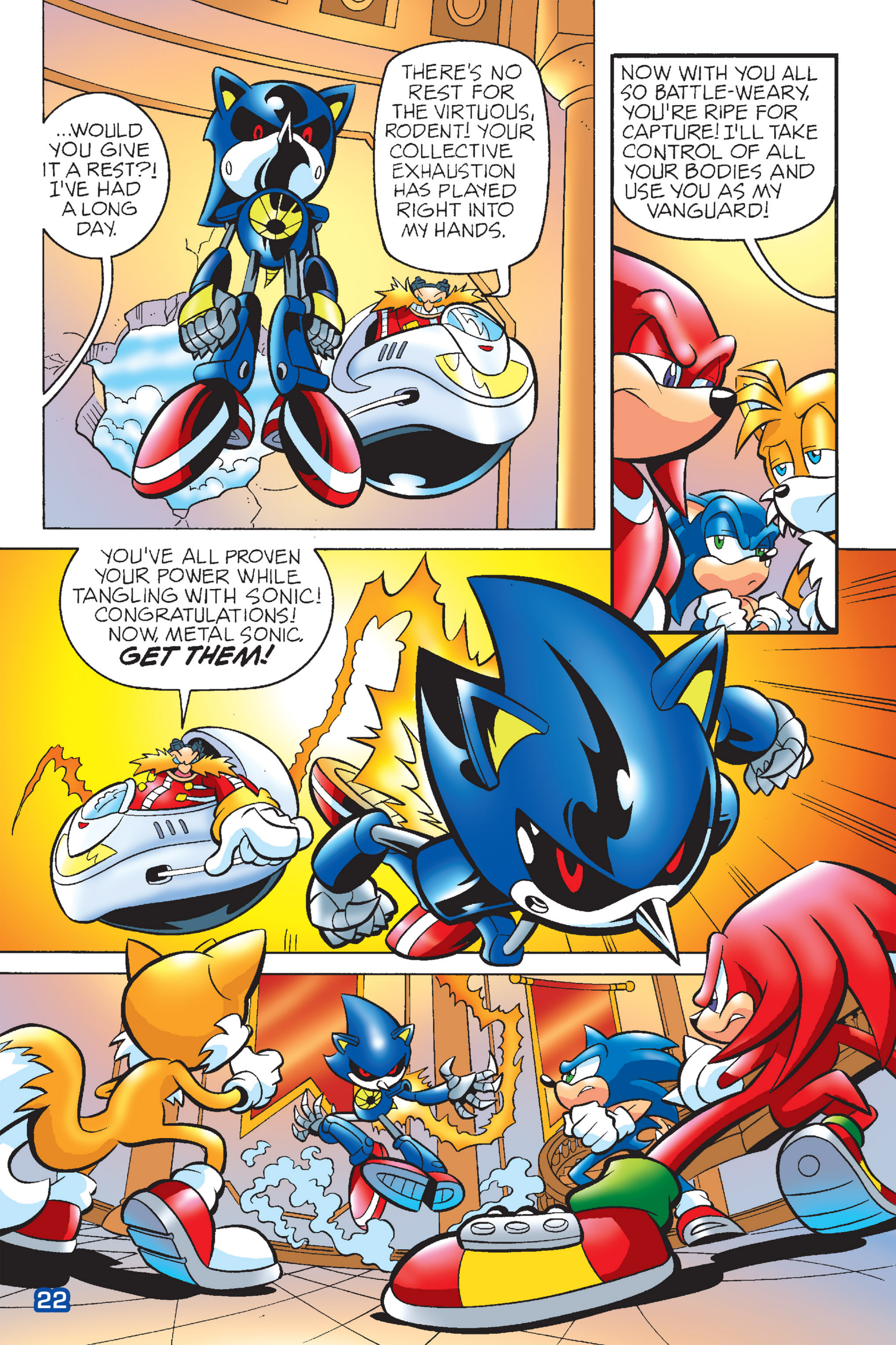
OH,
FOR
PITY'S
SAKE...

...WOULD YOU GIVE IT A REST?! I'VE HAD A LONG DAY.

THERE'S NO REST FOR THE VIRTUOUS, RODENT! YOUR COLLECTIVE EXHAUSTION HAS PLAYED RIGHT INTO MY HANDS.

NOW WITH YOU ALL SO BATTLE-WEARY, YOU'RE RIPE FOR CAPTURE! I'LL TAKE CONTROL OF ALL YOUR BODIES AND USE YOU AS MY VANGUARD!

YOU'VE ALL PROVEN YOUR POWER WHILE TANGLING WITH SONIC! CONGRATULATIONS! NOW, METAL SONIC, **GET THEM!**



CARE TO
SHARE IN THE
PAYBACK,
GUYS?

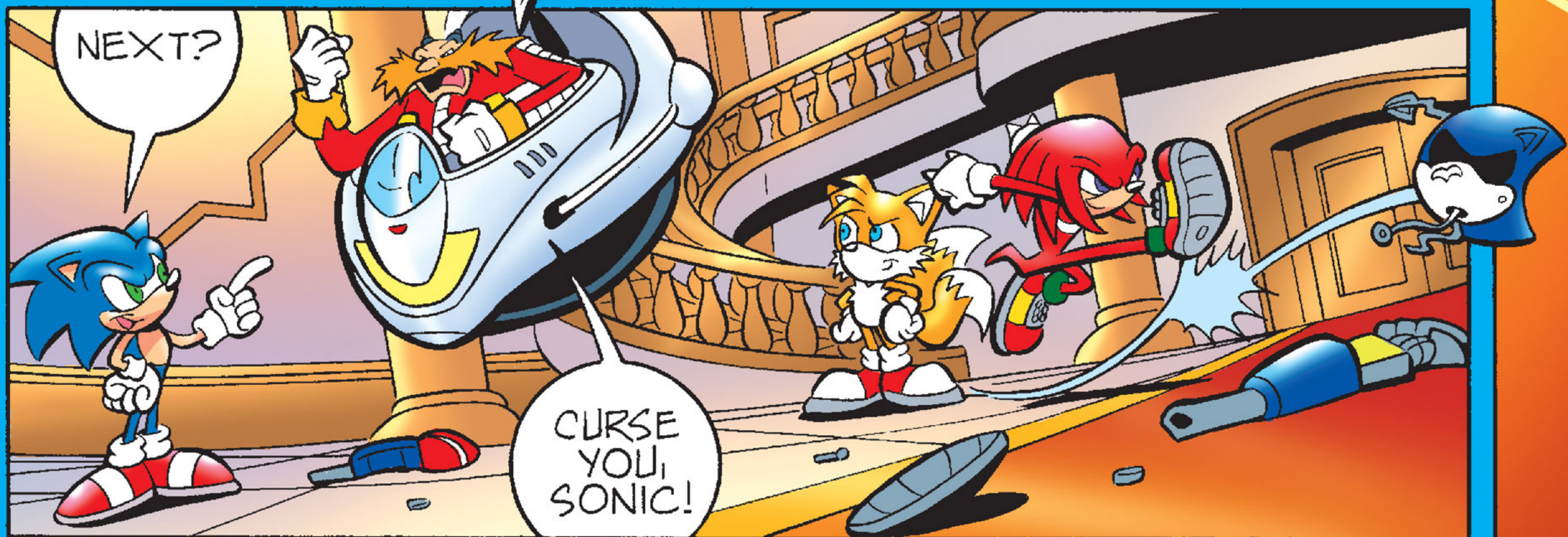
MY
PLEASURE!

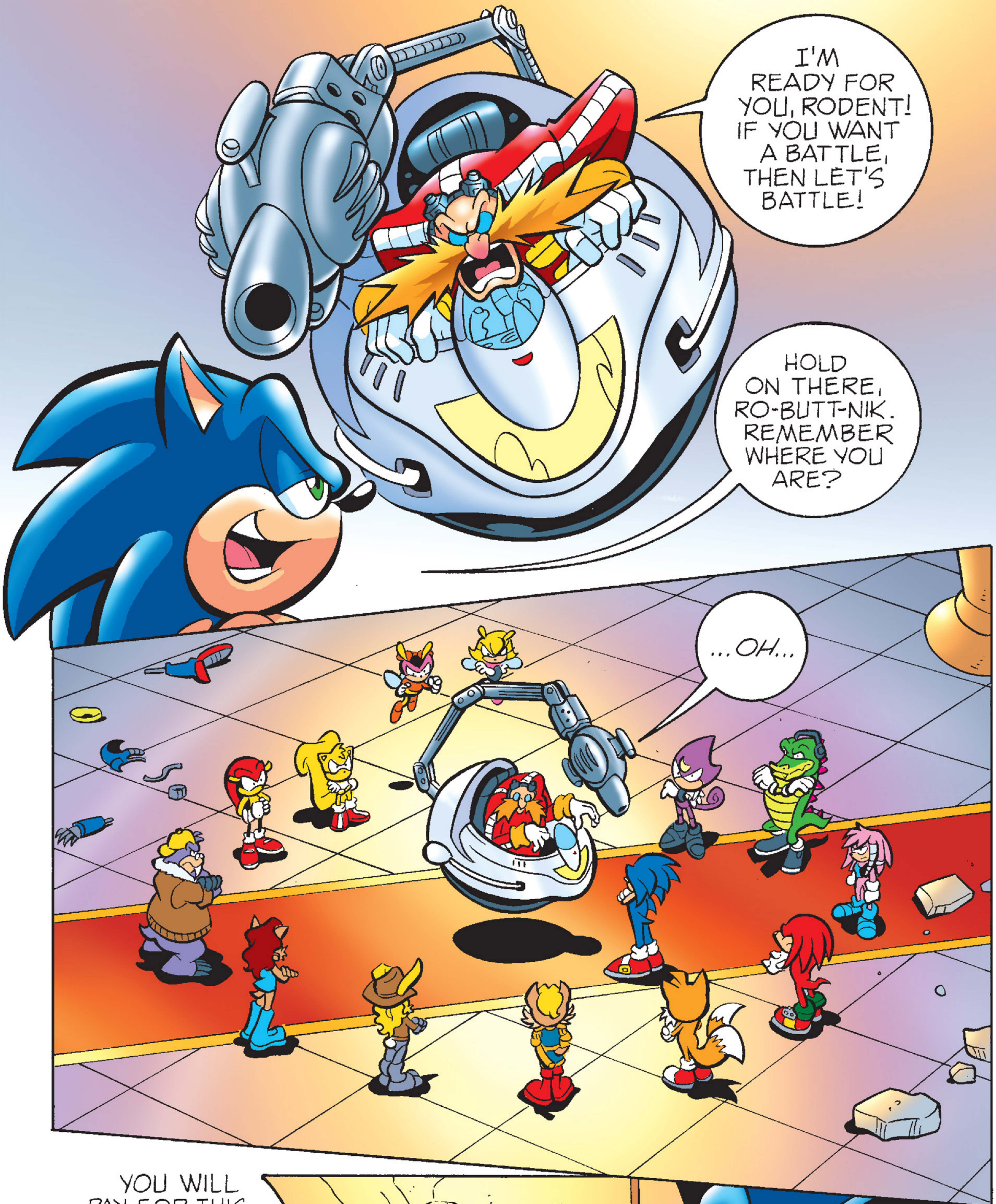
I FEEL
LIKE HITTING
ONE MORE
HEDGEHOG
HEAD!



NEXT?

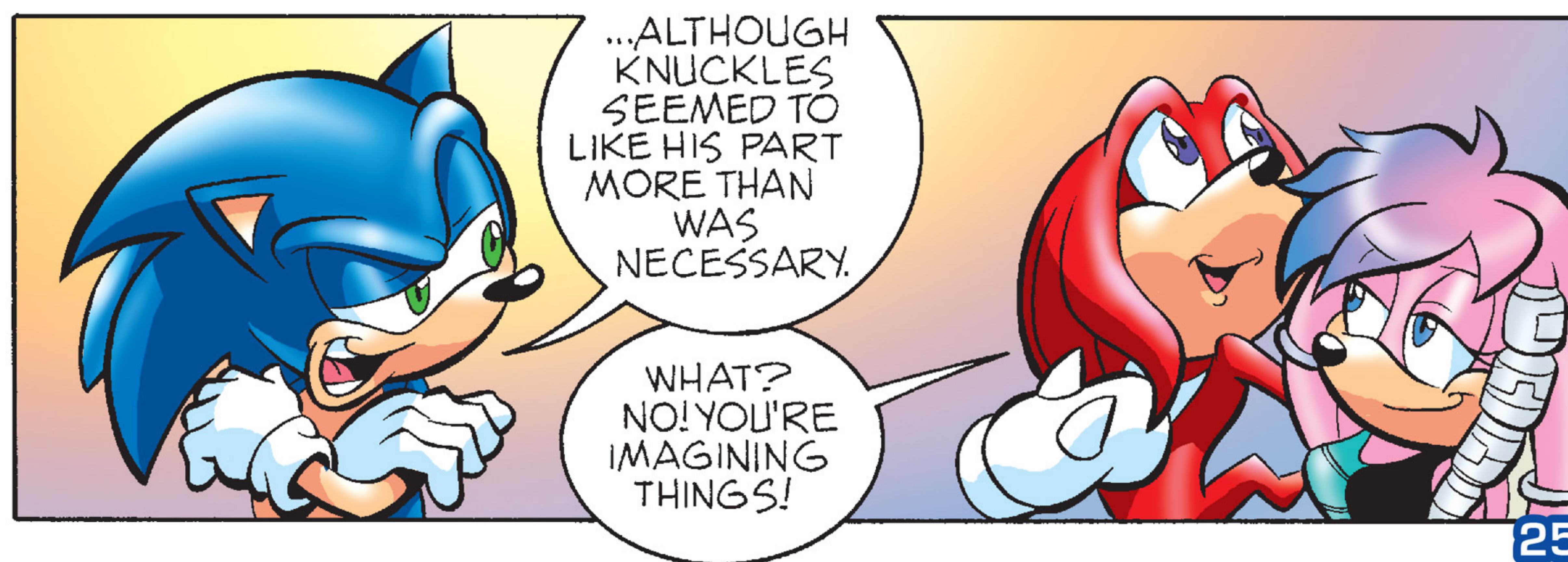
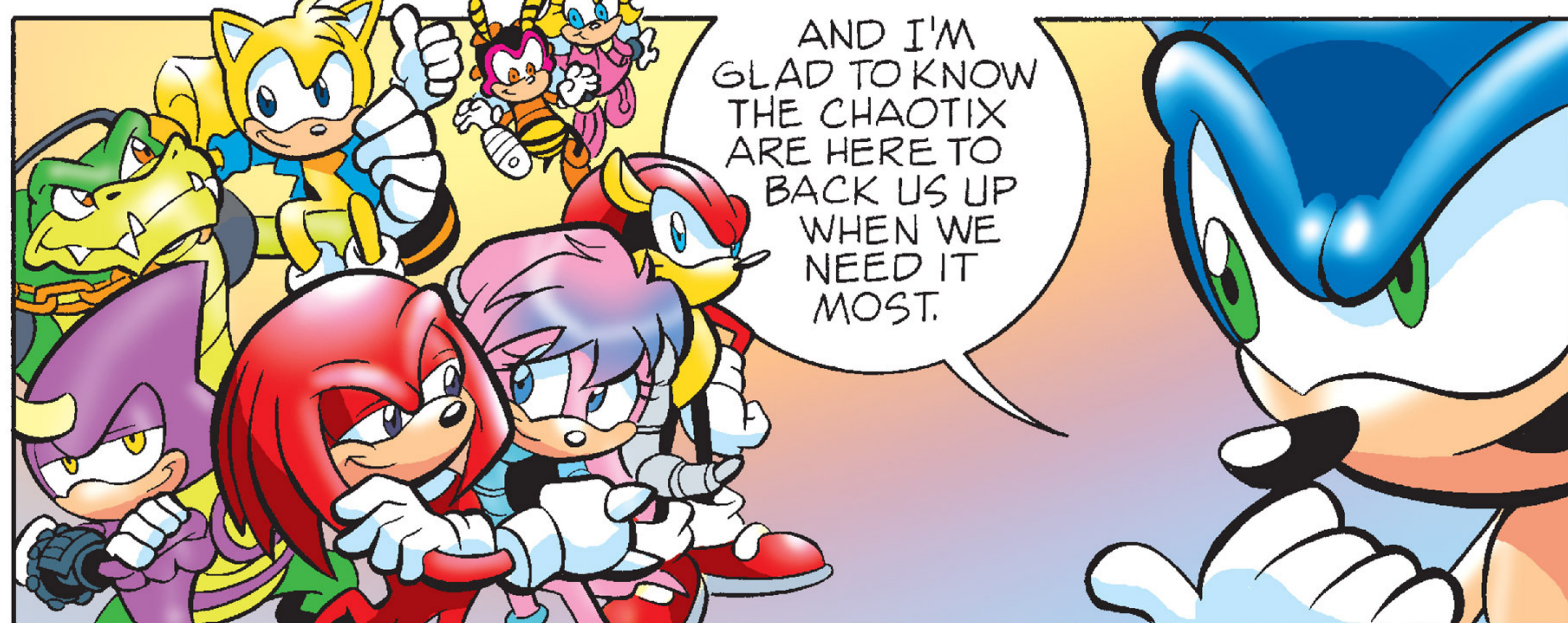
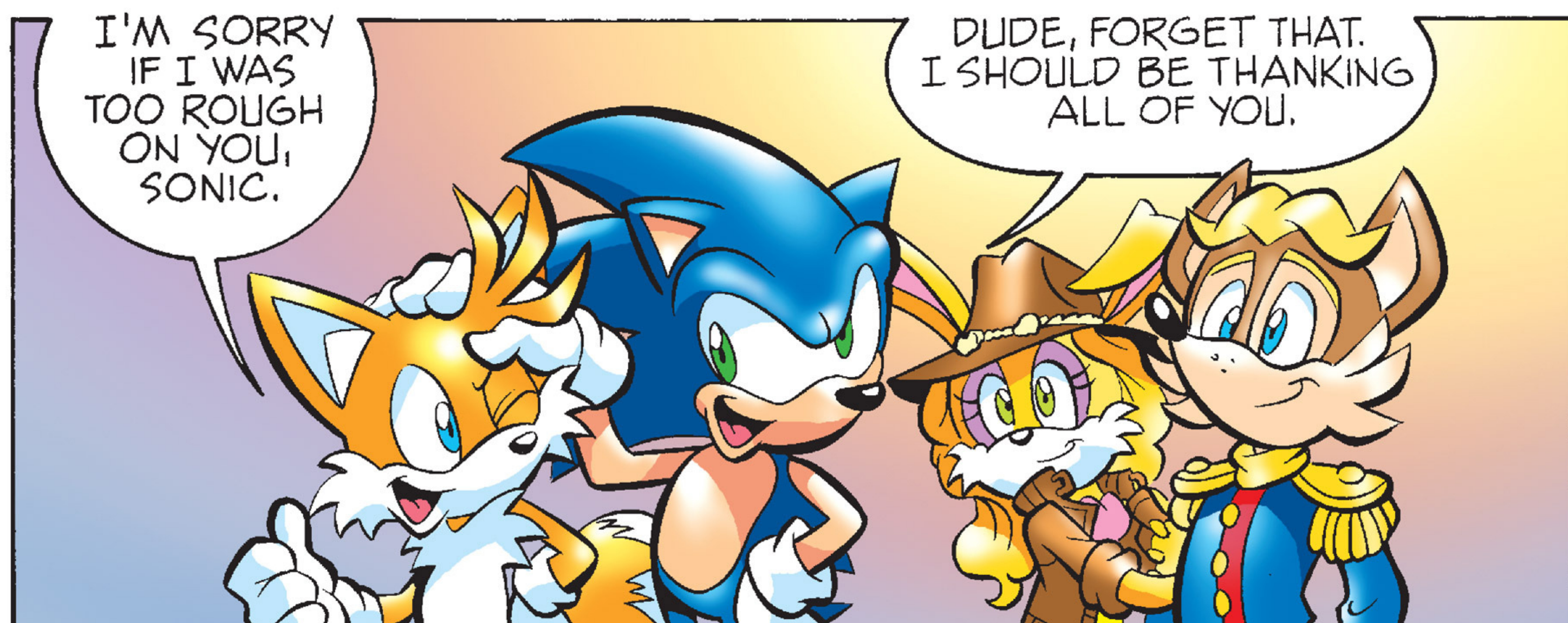
CURSE
YOU,
SONIC!





YOU WILL
PAY FOR THIS
EMBARRASS-
MENT! I WILL
SEE THE KING-
DOM OF ACORN
BURNED TO THE
GROUND!

SUUUUURE
YOU WILL!



GRRR...
THAT'S IT,
SNIVELY.
NO MORE
FUN AND
GAMES.

D-DO
YOU
MEAN
...?

IT'S TIME WE
SETTLED THE SCORE.
FINISH READING
THE EGG FLEET.

HERE
I COME,
SONIC.

END.